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# A MESSAGE TO FAMILIES



Thomas W. Payzant,  
Superintendent of Schools

## OUR MISSION

*We welcome the children  
of this city into the Boston  
Public Schools, where  
effective teaching and  
learning prepare all of our  
students to achieve at high  
levels, and where the entire  
community works together  
to focus on children.*

**W**ELCOME TO THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS. To the thousands of families who will be visiting our schools this winter and choosing new schools for their children, I'd like to take this opportunity to tell you about change and continuity in our schools: what is new and what is *not* new.

In 1998, the Boston School Committee adopted a new student Promotion Policy — the first since 1983 — to be sure that students and teachers meet today's high standards. The policy set rigorous requirements for student promotion from grade to grade and for graduation. Strict student attendance requirements are part of the Promotion Policy. We look forward to working with parents to see that their students are in school every day and are completing homework assignments after school.

What are we doing to make sure students meet the requirements of our Promotion Policy — and the high-stakes MCAS state tests?

All our schools are using the resources of Boston's Annenberg Challenge grant to teach students to read and write well. This year, we also launched an aggressive effort to improve math instruction and results.

For students who need extra help in reading or math, we're providing more support during the school day, after school, and during the summer months. In key grades, we've added teachers to our reading and math classes to work more closely with students. We've provided students with more time on reading and math during the school day, and after-school tutoring if they need it. We've also established an intensive summer program in reading and math.

We are striving to equip our schools and our students with the tools they need to meet today's standards and your high expectations. We are making good progress toward meeting the ambitious goals of our five-year reform plan, *Focus on Children*.

Choosing a school is a personal decision. We've expanded this publication to try to answer your questions on a range of factors, including after-school programs, student achievement, uniform policies, etc. But to get a real sense of our schools, it's important to visit them.

And what improvements will you see and experience?

► Under our new teachers' contract, you will have more opportunities to meet with your child's teachers.

► Inside our classrooms, you'll find over \$11 million in new textbooks in every subject — English/Language Arts, Math, Science, History/Social Studies and World Languages.

► We're on track to meet our objective of one computer for every four students by 2001.

► We're continuing to reduce class sizes—at all grade levels.

► High school students can now choose from more Advanced Placement classes to explore certain subjects more fully and prepare for college-level courses.

► We offer full-day kindergarten for all five-year-olds to provide more learning time every day. And we guarantee that kindergarten students can remain in their school for first grade and beyond.

So what *isn't* new? The answer is simple. Since I came to Boston as superintendent in 1995, our schools have had the same all-important goal: *to improve teaching and learning for each and every student*. We look forward to working with you to reach that goal. Thank you for choosing the Boston Public Schools.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Tom Payzant". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Superintendent of Schools



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**THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS** offer a variety of academic, social, and cultural experiences that is hard to match anywhere—and each of our 131 schools is different. That's why we think the more school choices you have, the better. When you register your child for school, you may choose from more than twenty elementary schools and at least five middle schools in your assignment area, plus several citywide schools. High school students may choose from among twelve citywide high schools. In addition, high school students may apply for the three "exam" schools as well as eight other schools with special application requirements.

## *The City of Boston*



### **How will you decide which school is best for your child?**

This Guide is a good place to start. It will answer many of your questions and introduce you to each of our schools.

Our three Parent Information Centers and the Multilingual Communication & Placement Center can really help, too. Staff can explain what each school offers, what your options are, and how to apply. They also have information about:

- Waiting lists and transfers, if you want to change schools
- Bilingual and special education

services

- Programs for high achievers
- Before and after school programs
- Summer programs
- Parent education
- Community resources
- ...and much more!

Our Parent Centers are listed on the back cover. Call or drop by.

We encourage you to visit our schools and talk to relatives, friends and neighbors whose children attend schools you are considering. All schools are open to visitors during regular school hours. If

you want to visit classrooms and speak to the principal and staff, we recommend calling ahead for an appointment.

Ask the principal and teachers about:

- The school's philosophy and expectations for every student
- Student achievement, measured by test scores and performance on projects and written assignments
- The school's plans to help students achieve at higher levels
- The curriculum: what will your child learn in every subject?
- Resources that support active learning,



including the library and technology

- Teaching styles to match your child's learning style
- Before and after school programs serving the school and neighborhood
- Opportunities for art, music, and physical exercise
- School uniforms and dress codes, now in most of our schools.

## Signing Up for School

Under Boston's student assignment plan, the city is divided into three geographic "zones"—East, West, and North—for elementary and middle schools. Students may apply for schools in the zone in which they live. There are also several citywide schools open to all students: see pages 11-12 of this booklet. All high schools are citywide.

### You do need to apply for school if...

- ✓ Your child will go to kindergarten, grade 6, or grade 9—the "transition grades"—in September 2001. There are a few exceptions:
  - Students enrolled in the S. Greenwood, Hernandez, Lyndon, Lyon, McKay (except bilingual classes), Mission Hill, Quincy, Tobin (except bilingual classes) and Young Achievers schools do not need to reapply for grade 6 (unless they want to change schools).
  - Students enrolled in the exam schools do not need to reapply for grade 9.
- ✓ Your child is now in grade 1 at an Early Education Center or Early Learning Center.

- ✓ Your child is in kindergarten-grade 8 and you move to a different zone. However, your child may stay in the same school if you agree to provide transportation.
- ✓ Your child is in a special program and must go to a different school for a new program.
- ✓ You want to transfer your child to another school.
- ✓ Your child doesn't attend the Boston Public Schools now.

NOTE: Kindergarten 2 (K2) students are guaranteed a grade 1 seat in the same school. They do not need to reapply unless they are requesting a transfer.

According to state law, each child must attend school beginning in September of the calendar year in which the child turns six years old. *Failure to send a child to school could result in legal action against the parent.* [Dept. of Education Regulation 603 CMR 8.02(1)]

### Age Requirements to Register for School

Grade 1 ... 6 years old on or before September 1, 2001  
K2 ..... 5 years old on or before September 1, 2001  
K1 ..... 4 years old on or before September 1, 2001 (limited enrollment)

We are sorry, but there are no exceptions to these requirements, including the child's previous school experience.

### Maximum Age Assignments

Students age 20-22 as of the first day of the school year will be assigned to the Boston Adult Technical Academy (see page 44). This applies to *new, re-enrolling, and currently assigned* students. However, students may appeal to the headmaster if they want to stay in their current high school.

### You don't need to apply for school if...

- ✓ Your child attends the Boston Public Schools now and will be in kindergarten, grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, or 12 next year. Your child will automatically be assigned to his or her current school.

### Where to get an application

Students who are currently enrolled in the Boston Public Schools will get their applications from their school.

Parents of new-to-Boston students must visit one of our Parent Information Centers or the Multilingual Communication & Placement Center. See the back page for locations.

### When to apply

- ★ **Kindergarten and Grades 1, 6 and 9**  
Initial Application Period and Transfer Requests:  
January 8-February 2, 2001  
Late Applications:  
February 5-March 9, 2001
- ★ **Grades 2-5, 7-8 and 10-12**  
Transfer Requests and New Registration:  
February 5-March 9, 2001

If your child is new to the Boston Public Schools, you will receive a notice of your child's assignment by mail. Children who go to a Boston public school now will receive their notice of assignment from the school.

### What to bring when you apply

You will need to bring:

- Two *recent* preprinted proofs of address, such as a utility bill, bank statement, or Boston Housing Authority lease. The BPS doesn't accept personal mail or rent receipts. If you don't have proofs of your address, tell the Parent Information Center staff. When school is in session, an attendance supervisor may be able to visit your home to verify your address.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

- An original birth certificate or passport for children registering for kindergarten or grade 1.
- Up-to-date immunization records.

### Completing the application

The application form lists all the schools you may choose. *You must choose at least three schools; but you may choose as many additional schools as you wish.* Be sure to number your choices in order of your preference. Also be sure to ask Parent Center staff about high schools not listed on the application that have special admission procedures (see pages 45-47).

### HELPFUL HINTS

- ★ Remember that seats are very limited in some programs: K0, K1, and grade 6 in K-8 schools.
- ★ Keep your copy of the school application form or transfer request in a safe place.
- ★ Write down the name of everyone who helps or advises you and the date you talked with them.

### Want a better chance of getting your “first choice” school?

★ **Apply by your first deadline—**  
**February 2** for the transition grades, and **March 9** for all other grades. You are *much* more likely to get one of your choices if you apply any time within your first application period. All applications received *within each period* are processed together, *not* in the order we receive them.

*What if you miss the February 2 deadline and the March 9 deadline?* You may go to a Parent Information Center any time during the year to register for school or to request a transfer, but your choices will be more limited the longer you wait. Many popular schools are full after the first assignment period.

★ **Make at least three choices.** Students applying for kindergarten–grade 12 must list *at least three choices* on the application.

### Your child must be immunized!

According to state law, your child must be on an immunization schedule before registering for school. You must submit a doctor’s record stating your child has been immunized against diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, German measles (rubella), mumps, and hepatitis B. We also require varicella (chickenpox) immunization, or documentation that your child has had chickenpox. The record must include the day, month and year when the immunizations were given. In addition, *we strongly recommend that your child have a Tuberculosis Risk Assessment.*

Please give a copy of the immunization record to the nurse at your child’s school. If you need a copy of the immunization record or have questions, contact your doctor or health center. If you don’t have a doctor or health center, call the Mayor’s Health Line, 800-847-0710. If you have not had your child immunized for health reasons or because of religious beliefs, bring a signed statement to that effect when you register for school.

During the first week of school, the school nurse will request results of a recent physical exam (within the past year) for each student, signed by a doctor or health center. She will also review your child’s record for health issues and medication needs. Please provide as much information as possible. Allow three weeks for your doctor or health center to copy records.

### How do the Boston Public Schools assign students?

Assignments are made by computer. The computer knows how many seats are available in each grade in each school and tries to assign each student to his or her first choice school.

Sometimes a school doesn’t have room for every student who lists it as the first choice. When this happens, the computer assigns students based on certain “preferences”:

★ **SIBLING PREFERENCE.** We try to assign children in the same family to the same school if the parent requests it. If you want your children to go to the same school, ask the Parent Information Center staff how to apply for “sibling preference.” But sometimes a school doesn’t have room for all the siblings who apply for it; so we can’t *guarantee* sibling assignments.

**IMPORTANT:** Be sure to ask for sibling preference the first time you apply!

★ **WALK ZONE PREFERENCE.** *Within the first application period* (January 8–February 2), 50% (one-half) of each school’s seats are set aside for applicants with “walk zone preference.” Students have walk zone preference if they live:

- within 1 mile from elementary school
- within 1.5 miles from middle school
- within 2 miles from high school.

After walk zone seats are assigned, students who don’t have any school in their geographic walk zone will have priority for assignment to their first and second choice schools. All remaining available seats will be assigned by random number, without regard to walk zone preference.

There is no priority for either “walk zone” or “no walk zone” applications submitted after February 2.

There is no “walk zone” preference for citywide elementary and middle schools (except for Mission Hill School).

★ **RANDOM NUMBERS.** The computer gives each application a “random number.” How is it used? Imagine that each application has a “weight.” An application with sibling preference “weighs” more than one with walk zone preference; one with sibling





and walk zone preference “weighs” more than one with only sibling preference. Students with the “heaviest” applications are assigned first. When two applications “weigh” the same and the school has only one seat, the computer assigns the student by random number.

### **If you don't get your first choice school**

The computer will try to assign your child to one of the other choices you listed. It will also place your child on waiting lists.

#### **★ WAITING LISTS**

- Students who get their second choice go on the waiting list for their first choice.
- Students who don't get their first *or* second choice go on waiting lists for both choices.
- Students applying for grades 1-12 who don't get *any* of their choices go on waiting lists for up to three choices.
- Students applying for kindergarten go on waiting lists for up to two schools.
- Your child's place on the waiting list is based on sibling preference, the date you applied, and random number.
- Once the new school year begins, students stay on our waiting lists *only* if they attend a Boston public school.
- All waiting lists for the 2001-2002 school year expire at the end of January, 2002.

You can find out your child's place on a school's waiting list by calling any Parent Information Center at the end of each application period. In August and September, you can also call the School Hotline, 635-9046.

#### **★ ADMINISTRATIVE**

**ASSIGNMENTS.** State law says each child must attend school beginning in September of the calendar year in which the child turns six years old. If you don't receive one of your school choices, or if you don't return an application for a student age six and older starting a “transition grade” (kindergarten and grades 6 and 9), we will assign the student to the school closest to home that has a seat.

If your child will be under age six through December 31, 2001, we will not assign your child to a school you did not choose.

#### **Transfers**

If you want to change schools, you can apply for a transfer during the “transfer” period, **February 5-March 9, 2001**. Transfer requests received from March 12-September 30 will be processed on an ongoing basis. Requests received after September 30 will be collected and processed in early November and late January. *We can't guarantee your transfer request will be approved.*

The BPS has new limits on how often students can transfer to a different school:

- **Elementary School.** Students may transfer once per year in kindergarten-grade 5.
- **Middle School.** Students may transfer only once in grades 6-8.
- **High School.** Students may transfer only once in grades 9-12.
- **Disciplinary Transfers.** Students in grades 6-12 who are transferred for disciplinary reasons will be assigned to an alternative program, not to another “regular” school.

#### **Expulsion**

Students who have been expelled from other school districts for possession of a dangerous weapon, controlled substance, assault on school staff, or conviction of a felony may not enroll in the Boston Public Schools. If the BPS finds out that a student has been expelled from his or her

previous school for any of these reasons, that student will be discharged from the Boston Public Schools. [M.G.L. c.71, s.37H, s.37H 1/2]

#### **If you move**

- Bring two proofs of your new address to any Parent Information Center right away. If you don't have proof of your new address, call the Parent Center for advice. During the school year, we may be able to send an attendance officer to your home to verify the address.
- We can't change your bus stop until we know your new address.
- If you move to a different zone, your child may have to change schools. However, your child may be able to stay in his or her current school if you agree to provide transportation.
- Remember to give the school principal your new address and phone number.

#### **If you become homeless**

If you have to move to a shelter or any other temporary living situation, your child has the right to stay at the last school attended through the end of the school year *or* to enroll in a school within the new zone, town or city where you live temporarily. If you become homeless during the summer and have to move, your child can return to the school that he or she attended when the last school year ended. However, we may not be able to provide transportation in all situations. For more help, call the Homeless Student Initiative, 635-8037.

### **Transportation**

About one-third of our 63,500 students walk to school, and the rest go by school bus or MBTA. Who is eligible for transportation?

- Students who live a mile or more from their kindergarten and elementary school
- Students who live one and a half miles or more from their middle school



## GENERAL INFORMATION

- Students who live two miles or more from their high school.

Most students who take a school bus are picked up and dropped off at a corner near their home. Eligible high school students and some middle school students get a T pass or a combination of T pass and yellow bus service.

When your child is assigned to school, we will tell you if your child is eligible for transportation. In mid-August, we will mail you information about your child's bus stop, bus number, and schedule.

Children with disabilities may receive regular corner-to-corner service, MBTA service, or door-to-door service, as required in their Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

Some students with severe medical or physical conditions which prevent them from walking to school may receive transportation. **We decide if a student is eligible for transportation after reviewing documents from the student's doctor as well as input from school staff.** The school nurse will discuss with your child's doctor the appropriate accommodations to meet your child's needs. During the summer, call our Medical Services Office, 635-8030.

We cannot make special transportation arrangements for children whose parent or guardian is disabled—but we may be able to assign a corner stop closer to home.

### Alternative Transportation

You can request "alternative transportation" to or from a bus stop other than your neighborhood stop (such as a day care provider's house or after school program). Students who are not eligible for transportation to and from home may also request this service. But there are restrictions:

- The stop you request must be on an existing bus route to or from the school.
- There must be room on the bus.

- We do not provide door-to-door service unless it is required in an IEP.

For a Fact Sheet and application for alternative transportation, ask the principal or visit any Parent Information Center. We send the Fact Sheet to parents of all currently enrolled students in May.

**IMPORTANT:** Please do not apply for alternative transportation in order to change the bus stop if you have moved or are requesting a closer stop. When you notify us of your new address, we will automatically give your child a new bus stop near your new home if you are still eligible for transportation.

If you return a complete application for alternative transportation by the end of the school year, and if the stop is approved, your child's alternative stop will be active by the first day of school. If you wait until the start of the school year, your request may take several weeks.

*Please remember, we can't guarantee that your child will get the alternative stop you request.*

### HELPFUL HINTS

- ★ If you think your child's bus stop is too far from home or is dangerous, you may be able to change it. But remember, students may be required to walk several blocks to their bus stop.
- ★ If we say your child lives within the required distance to the school and you disagree, you can ask us to measure the distance from your house to the school.

### For help with transportation questions

Year round ..... 635-9520  
BPS Hot Line  
(mid-August through  
mid-September) ..... 635-9046

## Boston Public Schools Programs

**F**ROM THE FIRST YEAR of kindergarten through the last year of high school, we are expecting more from all our students in all subject areas. Every school is implementing a strict Promotion Policy that requires students to complete—and pass—specific courses and tests.

While high standards are the rule in *all* schools, each school offers unique programs, themes, and approaches to learning. As you choose next year's school, think about what you want for your child a few years down the road:

Is learning in two languages important to you? We have several schools where all students take classes in English and Spanish. Will you encourage him or her to apply for one of our competitive "exam" schools? All middle schools offer preparation for the entrance test. Is your child a budding artist or performer? Our Boston Arts Academy may be just the right high school—and you'll find good training in several elementary and middle schools that offer exceptional arts programs. Even if high school, college and career seem far away, it's never too early to start planning.

### Kindergarten

We offer several options to get beginning students off to a good start:

- ★ **Kindergarten 2.** Our goal is to offer the best possible preparation for children entering grade 1. To meet this goal, we provide a full-day, six-hour "K2" program for 5-year-olds in all elementary schools. We *guarantee* a school assignment to all children who apply for full-day K2—but we can't guarantee an assignment to a school you choose.





★ **Kindergarten for younger students.**

We have a *very limited number* of openings in “K0” for children who turn 3 years old by September 1, 2001, and in “K1” for those who turn 4 years old by that same date. We regret that we cannot guarantee an assignment to these programs.

★ **Early Learning Centers.** The three ELCs offer full-day K0 (North Zone only), K1, K2 and grade 1, plus before and after school care, all free. There is one in each zone. Seats are limited and waiting lists are long for these popular programs.

★ **Early Education Centers.** The three EECs offer a full school day plus free before and after school care for K0-grade 1, with special education services and language support services for students whose first language is not English. There is one EEC in each zone. All are housed in new, state-of-the-art buildings.

**“Countdown to Kindergarten”**

This new partnership between the BPS, City of Boston, and many community partners is working to provide a positive transition into BPS kindergarten for students and their families. Pick up a copy of their informative booklet, “Countdown to Kindergarten,” available in 7 languages, at any Parent Information Center, or call 635-9660.

**Important Kindergarten Notes:**

★ All regular education kindergarten students are guaranteed a seat through the highest grade of their kindergarten school, following the guidelines of our student assignment plan.

★ We’re sorry, but we can’t make exceptions to our entry age guidelines, *regardless of your child’s previous school experience.*

★ State law says each child must attend school beginning in September of the calendar year in which the child turns six years old. If your child turns 6 from September 2–December 31, we will assign him or her to K2.

★ If you need a program for your 3 or 4-year-old, we strongly urge you to check out Head Start, Child Care Choices (phone numbers on page 10) and other preschool options.

**Bilingual Education and Language Services**

☎ 635-9435 • General Information

☎ 635-6547 • Testing & Placement

We offer transitional bilingual classes in seven languages: Chinese (Mandarin), Cape Verdean creole, Haitian creole, Portuguese, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese. While in this program, students are taught academic subjects in the native language and learn English.

For students whose first language is less common in our schools—such as Armenian or Arabic—we offer English as a Second Language in multilingual classes in five schools: Hamilton Elementary, Hennigan Elementary, Irving Middle, Boston High School, and English High School.

We also offer a specially designed program for students between the ages of 9 and 21 who have not been in school or have had only limited schooling in their country of origin.

Your first step is to visit the Multilingual Communication & Placement Center, 635-6547, in the Madison Park Complex, 55 New Dudley St./Malcolm X Blvd., Roxbury (near the Roxbury Crossing MBTA station). Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri. on school days; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. during the summer and school vacations. Please arrive at least one hour before closing time so your child will be properly tested by the multilingual staff. They will describe all programs and schools available for your child.

**Special Education**

☎ 635-8599

We offer a wide variety of special education services for students who have a disability or a combination of disabilities that make learning difficult. These services including specialized instruction, speech and language therapy, physical therapy, vision resources, and more. Many schools use “inclusionary” practices so students with disabilities can receive services in the regular education classroom.

If you think your child has a disability, contact the principal or Evaluation Team Facilitator (ETF) at the Boston public school he or she attends. If your child does not attend a Boston public school, contact any Parent Information Center listed on the back cover, or call our Special Education specialists at the number listed above.

**Advanced Work Class (AWC)**

☎ 635-9450 • Testing

☎ 635-9514 • Placement

☎ 635-9202 • Curriculum

Advanced Work Class (AWC) is a full-day program for eligible students in grades 4, 5 and 6. AWC includes the same topics as the regular education program. However, the topics are studied in depth, coursework is challenging and accelerated, and students generally are expected to do more schoolwork and homework. In addition, students receive instruction in a world language.

Eligibility is based on results of a test given in the fall of grades 3, 4 and 5. All fifth graders, even those now in AWC, must take the test to be invited to grade 6 AWC.

AWC is located in 15 elementary schools and 12 middle schools throughout the Boston Public Schools. The *A+ Saturday Academy* and *A+ Summer Academy* support students in the AWC program.

If your child is eligible for AWC, you may choose from a combination of AWC and regular programs listed on the



application. There is no longer a separate application for AWC. Elementary students who do not receive any of their choices may remain in the school to which they are currently assigned.

## High School Programs

Our high schools each offer classes in the basic subjects (language arts, math, science and social studies), plus special classes and programs—during and after school—that make each school unique. You'll find school-to-career, health careers, visual and performing arts, banking and finance, travel and tourism, agribusiness, and other specialties. We also have programs for older students, students who want to return for their diploma, at-risk students, students who want to go to school at night, students who are parents, and students who want to sample the college experience while still in high school.

## Technical/Vocational Education

☎ 635-8079

We offer comprehensive instruction in technical and vocational education in two high schools. Madison Park Technical Vocational High School houses 27 vocational programs within its three career academies. West Roxbury High School has two programs. Most of these vocational programs are approved by the State under Chapter 74.

Technical/vocational education provides an opportunity for students to learn a skill, develop an academic foundation for continued post-secondary study, and build a career while they earn a high school diploma. Madison Park and West Roxbury offer comprehensive academic instruction, along with bilingual and special education programs. Special job placement services are provided to graduating seniors who want to work. For 9th graders, Madison Park has a full-year exploratory program that allows students to assess their vocational

interests and aptitudes and to gain exposure to the wide array of vocational programs in the Boston Public Schools. In addition to its vocational programs, Madison Park also houses the Roland Hayes Division of Music, where students can concentrate on vocal or instrumental music.

## School-to-Career

☎ 635-8079

Through the School-to-Career approach, the classroom extends to the workplace and the community during the school day. In most of our high schools, and even some middle schools, students can explore possible careers and learn practical skills in, for example, a hospital, bank or TV studio as they improve their academic skills. For many students, experiencing the connection between school and the "real world" is the key to academic success.

## The Examination Schools

☎ 635-9514

We have three "examination schools" for grades 7-12 that admit students on a competitive basis. They are: Boston Latin Academy in Dorchester, Boston Latin School in the Longwood hospital area, and O'Bryant School of Mathematics & Science in the Madison Park complex, Roxbury. All three schools accept new students for grades 7 and 9. O'Bryant also accepts new students for grade 10.

Students are admitted to the exam schools based on results of an entrance test and grade point average. Each accounts for 50% of a student's score. The grade point average is based on final marks in English and math from the previous school year and the first two marking periods of the current year.

Test registration materials for students applying for the **2002-2003** school year will be available in early September 2001 in all our middle schools and high schools, Parent Information Centers, branch libraries, and Boys & Girls Clubs.

# More About Our Schools

## Family Involvement

☎ 635-9660

The Boston Public Schools recognize that a child's education is a responsibility shared by the family, school and community. We welcome the involvement of families in their children's education. When parents and schools work together, it increases student achievement and builds positive attitudes about school. To support strong home/school partnerships, parents, teachers and principals developed the **BPS Parent/Family Involvement Policy**. To receive a copy, call your school or the Parent Support Services Team, 635-9660.

There are many ways you can participate in your child's education. At home, you can read to him or her, see that homework is done, ask what he or she learned today, and limit TV time (and know what your child is watching!). At school, you can attend special events and parent/teacher conferences, volunteer in the classroom, and join the School Parent Council or the School Site Council.

There are also citywide groups for parents who speak different languages, whose children receive extra help in reading and math from Title I, and who have children with disabilities. See page 10 for their phone numbers.

## Services for Students

☎ 635-8030

Our schools offer a wide range of support services for students of all ages, including health services and education, counseling, guidance services for students applying for college and career training, crisis services, substance abuse and violence prevention programs, peer mediation training, a citywide Student Advisory Council, and much more. All





come under the “umbrella” of the Unified Student Services Team, 635-8030.

## School Uniforms

There is no required school uniform for all the Boston Public Schools. But every spring, each school’s School Site Council must decide if their school will have a uniform or special dress code for the following school year.

The Council may decide to have a *mandatory* uniform which all students are expected to wear, a *voluntary* uniform, or *no* uniform. The Council also decides what that uniform will be. Most of our elementary schools and many middle schools now have a uniform. Call the schools directly for more information.

## Attendance Policy

If a student doesn’t report to school for the first five school days of the school year, or five school days after being assigned to school, we will call and write to the parent or guardian. If after another three school days the student still hasn’t reported to school or the parent hasn’t notified the school of a problem, the student will lose his or her assignment at that school, and we will notify the attendance officer.

Children who have more than 12 unexcused absences during the school year may not be promoted to the next grade—so be sure your child goes to school *every day* unless he or she is ill. Good attendance is one of the most important ingredients for school success. ★

## RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

### BOSTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

<http://www.bostonpublicschools.org>

Main Number/All Departments .....	617-635-9000
Adult Education .....	635-9827
Bilingual Department .....	635-9435
Citywide Parents Council (CPC) .....	635-9210
Health and Medical Services .....	635-8030
Master Parent Advisory Council (Bilingual) ..	635-8339
Multilingual Communication & Placement ....	635-6547
Parent Information Centers .....	See back cover
Parent Support Services .....	635-9660
School Committee .....	635-9014
School Hot Line (August and September) ...	635-9046
Special Education .....	635-8599
Special Needs Parent Advisory Council .....	635-7810
Title I Parent Resource Center .....	635-7750
Unified Student Services .....	635-8030

### COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND SERVICES

Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) .....	357-6000
GED, high school diploma, jobs programs	
Boston Community Centers .....	635-4920
Youth programs, adult education, recreation, GED	
Boston Parent Organizing Network .....	373-5922
Parent organizing and training for school improvement	
Boston Partners in Education .....	451-6145
School volunteers, parent training	
Boston Plan for Excellence .....	227-8055
Publications, support for school change	
Boston Public Library/Copley Square Central Library .....	536-5400 ext. 334
Child Care Choices of Boston .....	542-KIDS ext. 641
Information about licensed day care centers and providers, operating Monday-Friday, 9 AM to 2 PM	
EDCO Youth Alternative .....	262-9562
High school diploma and school-to-career for qualified out-of-school youth	
Federation for Children with Special Needs .	482-2915
Advocacy, information and training	
Higher Education Information Center .....	536-0200
Free information about higher education, financial aid, careers	
Latino Parents Association .....	983-5529
Support for Latino families	
Mayor’s Health Line .....	800-847-0710
Information on immunizations & more	
Parents United for Child Care .....	426-8288
Information about before and after school programs	

### HEAD START PRESCHOOLS

#### General Information

☎ 357-6000 ext. 13

For low income families, accepting children ages 3-4 (some younger).

Allston/Brighton ....	783-1235
Charlestown/JFK ..	241-7017
Chinese	
Church .....	482-3087
Claybourne St. ....	288-2700
Dimock/ABCD .....	442-2360
Dorchester .....	282-1100
East Boston .....	567-8855
Gertrude Townsend (Geneva Ave.) .....	288-9151
ABCD Early Head Start (Geneva Ave.) .....	288-5580
Jamalca Plain .....	522-5533
Mattapan .....	298-1785
Native American Community .....	232-8534
North End .....	367-0532
Parker Hill/ Fenway .....	426-2855
St. James .....	445-8843
South Boston .....	269-5160
South End .....	426-2855
South Side (Hyde Park/Roslindale/ West Roxbury) .....	327-1152
Walnut Grove .....	445-8202

### MASSACHUSETTS DEPT. OF EDUCATION

☎ 781-388-3300

[www.doe.mass.edu](http://www.doe.mass.edu)

#### Parent Information Line

☎ 800-297-0002

Call to request up to ten school profiles, or visit the DOE Web site.

#### Charter School Office

☎ 617-727-0075

Information about public schools open to Boston residents that are not part of the Boston Public Schools.



# Citywide Elementary & Middle Schools

*These five schools are open to students in all Boston neighborhoods. However, the number of available seats in the non-entry grades is usually very small. Please contact any Parent Information Center for more information.*

## TEST RESULTS

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**MCAS.** "% passing" means the percentage of students who scored at Level 2 (needs improvement), Level 3 (proficient), and Level 4 (advanced). The MCAS is given in grades 4, 8 and 10.

## Hernandez School (K-8)

61 School St., Roxbury 02119  
Margarita M. Muñoz, Principal  
© 617-635-8187 Hours: 8:30-2:30

### Special features:

- A two-way bilingual school: All students learn in English and Spanish. Students applying for grades 3-8 attend an orientation on the two-way program, participate in an informal interview, and take a language proficiency assessment in Spanish and English.
  - Literacy Collaborative in grades K1-3; Upper Grade Literacy program in grades 4-8
  - An Expeditionary Learning Outward Bound school: Students learn through group and individual experiences
  - Specialists on staff: physical education, music and movement, computer, science, art, and Spanish
  - Partnerships with Mellon New England Bank and Bentley College, who provide technology enrichment and college awareness programs
  - Active parent volunteers in classrooms, on School Parent Council, School Site Council, Two-Way Language committee and Playground Committee
  - Cafeteria, gymnasium, renovated playground, and auditorium.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 75% / 75% Math 69% / 64%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 75% / 78% Math 66% / 61%
- % passing Gr. 8 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 87% / 70% Math 34% / 35%

## M. L. King Jr. Middle School

77 Lawrence Ave., Dorchester 02121  
Audrey Leung-Tat, Principal  
© 617-635-8212 Hours: 7:20-1:30

### Special features:

- Students clustered into small groups for more effective learning and stronger student-teacher relationships
  - A rigorous, standards-based curriculum
  - Demonstration and modeling as primary instructional techniques
  - Academic and social service support for students during the school day and through the after-school program and community agencies
  - Interdisciplinary learning projects in the enrichment program
  - Computer labs and a library media center with Internet access
  - A science program featuring an outstanding science fair and a partnership with Harvard University Medical School
  - An acclaimed music program featuring a chorus and a partnership with Boston Symphony
  - Community service projects through our collaboration with Charles Street AME Church and the Thompson Island Outward Bound Choices Program.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 71% / 74% Math 41% / 48%
- % passing Gr. 8 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 57% / 61% Math 17% / 22%

SCHOOL	Location	Enrollment	Grades	Homerooms per Grade	Hours in 2001-02	Bilingual Programs	After-school Programs & Activities	AWC	Uniform Policy
Hernandez	Roxbury	400	K2-grade 8	K- gr. 6: 2 Gr. 7-8: 1	8:30-2:30	Spanish, 2-way	After: tutoring and/or homework time, arts & crafts, sports, \$32/month		Mandatory
M. L. King	Dorchester	500	Grades 6-8	Gr. 6: 7 Gr. 7-8: 5	7:20-1:30	Spanish	Tutoring, sports, recreation, enrichment	Gr. 6	None
Mission Hill	Roxbury	170	K2-grade 8	K-7:2 Gr. 8:1	8:30-2:30		Extended day for gr. 6-8 until 4:45 PM (free) and YMCA after-school program available on site (fee based)		None
Timilty	Roxbury	630	Grades 6-8	8-12	7:35-3:20 7:35-12:40 Fri.	Spanish	Extended school day, sports	Gr. 6	Voluntary
Young Achievers	Jamaica Pl.	300	K2-grade 8	K: 3 Gr. 1-3: 2 Gr. 4-7: 1	9:30-5:30		Before from 7:30; after to 5:30: sports, arts, academic support		Voluntary





### Mission Hill School (K-8)

67 Alleghany St., Roxbury 02120

Deborah Meier, Principal

☎ 617-635-6384

Hours: 8:30-2:30

#### *Special features:*

- Requires families to visit the school before students' assignment to the school is approved, to be sure families are comfortable with the school's expectations
- Multi-aged classes of not more than 20 students
- Graduation from grade 8 based on students' demonstrated ability to handle high school work, and on being in the habit of using their minds well
- Activity- and inquiry-based learning built around interdisciplinary projects, emphasizing the integration of arts and academics
- Definition of excellence that includes understanding of diverse cultures and a concern for fairness
- Use of multiple assessments—not primarily standardized testing—to measure student achievement
- Strong partnerships with other BPS schools, the Coalition of Essential Schools, Northeastern, Lesley and Harvard colleges, the Mass. College of Pharmacy, and several museums and art organizations.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 93% / 96% Math 54% / 57%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 87% / 87% Math 88% / 100%
- % passing Gr. 8 MCAS:  
No Grade 8 in 1999 or 2000.

### Timilty Middle School

205 Roxbury St., Roxbury 02119

Valeria Lowe-Barehmi, Principal

☎ 617-635-8109 Mon.-Thurs.: 7:35-3:20

Friday: 7:35-12:40

#### *Special features:*

- Project Promise, an innovative approach to learning with a longer school day

## EAST ZONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- Reading, writing, and math instruction in all subjects
- Schoolwide Internet access
- Two specialty classes a day: gym, health, theater, art, woodworking, home economics, Spanish, or computers
- Two-time winner of the National Award for Excellence from the U. S. Dept. of Education, and winner of many other awards for outstanding teaching and programs
- Active partnerships with Mass. General Hospital, 3Com (for technology), and McDonald's
- Three-time National Academic League city champion
- Excellent extramural athletic programs: Squashbusters, basketball, track, rowing team, soccer, and double-dutch.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 90% / 90% Math 71% / 69%
- % passing Gr. 8 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 86% / 86% Math 40% / 48%

### Young Achievers Science & Mathematics School (K-8)

25 Walk Hill Street, Jamaica Plain 02130

Virginia Chalmers, Principal

☎ 617-635-6804

Hours: 9:30-5:30

#### *Special features:*

- Small classes of about 20 students with one teacher and a graduate student intern
- A "pilot school," free of many Boston Public Schools and Boston Teachers Union rules, with a democratic governance structure including parents, students, staff and community members
- Interdisciplinary math and science curriculum for K1-grade 8, with special focus on math and music
- High school students trained through the Algebra Project to help students strengthen their math skills
- Strong music program, with recorder, percussion, chorus, and jazz ensemble
- Inclusive special education program with speech, language and occupational therapy (OT) services and classroom support
- Partnerships with families through required conferences, presentations, and parent involvement in school governance
- A professional development school for Wheelock College
- Extended school day from 7:30-5:30
- Computer, science and math labs, library, and art and music rooms.

- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 65% / 75% Math 60% / 57%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 50% / 60% Math 41% / 57%
- % passing Gr. 8 MCAS:  
No Grade 8 in 1999 or 2000.

# East Zone Elementary Schools

### TEST RESULTS

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**MCAS.** "% passing" means the percentage of students who scored at Level 2 (needs improvement), Level 3 (proficient), and Level 4 (advanced). The MCAS is given in grades 4, 8 and 10.

### Channing Elementary School

35 Sunnyside St., Hyde Park 02136

Deborah D. Dancy, Principal

☎ 617-635-8722

Hours: 8:30-2:30

#### *Special features:*

- Writing-to-Read Program to teach reading
- Many guest speakers and performances
- Many extras, including a Talented & Gifted Program, foreign language, music, art, computer technology, and field trips
- Innovative ways of teaching math and science, and is part of PALMS/



Partnerships Advancing the Learning of Math & Science

- Violence prevention and counseling programs
- Partnerships with United Parcel Service and Harvard University.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000: Reading 76% / 83% Math 67% / 83%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000: Reading 82% / 74% Math 67% / 60%

## Chittick Elementary School

154 Ruskindale Rd., Mattapan 02126

Karen Slack, Principal

☎ 617-635-8652 Hours: 8:30-2:30

### Special features:

- Recently adopted school theme, "Arts and Sciences"
- Active parent organization, support services for children and families, and an effective staff/parent governance structure
- Strong academic program with science, art, physical education and computer specialists
- Support from community organizations such as the Dimock Health Center, Private Industry Council, Dorchester Counseling Center, Boston Children's Services, and the Community Music Center
- Professional development for all staff to support literacy, writing and math across the curriculum
- Six Lead Teachers and a Golden Apple Teacher
- Morning and afternoon day care as well as tutoring with the BELL Foundation.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000: Reading 81% / 85% Math 77% / 68%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000: Reading 66% / 60% Math 42% / 40%

## Clap Elementary School

35 Harvest St., Dorchester 02125

Angelo Giacalone, Principal

☎ 617-635-8672 Hours: 9:20-3:20

### Special features:

- Small size, which promotes the safety and security of all students
- Focus on BPS learning standards and curriculum, emphasizing English language arts and math
- Computers for newspapers, books, and story telling
- Annual Winterfest celebration

- Active School Site Council and School Parent Council
- Many programs for cultural enrichment, including the Boston Ballet, Very Special Arts, Museum of Fine Arts, and Young Audiences
- A business partnership and mentoring program with Arnold Communications
- Extra support for school improvement inside and out, thanks to grants from the Annenberg Challenge and Boston Schoolyard Initiative
- ELIC literacy program to help develop literacy skills of all students.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000: Reading 94% / 87% Math 63% / 83%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000: Reading 58% / 50% Math 61% / 58%

## Condon Elementary School

200 D St., South Boston 02127

Ann Garofalo, Principal

☎ 617-635-8608 Hours: 8:30-2:30

### Special features:

- Focus on reading and writing with the Balanced Early Literacy (BEL) program and a grant-funded literacy coach and coordinator
- Two state-of-the-art computer labs and a primary literacy lab
- Newly renovated playground and an Olympic-sized pool
- Collaboration with UMass Boston, Boston University, Curry and Wheelock colleges
- Partnership with the TERI Corporation, which has donated a first grade mini-computer lab and encourages employees to volunteer to read aloud to students
- Active School Site Council and School Parent Council
- A City Year team.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000: Reading 80% / 81% Math 82% / 76%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000: Reading 70% / 69% Math 52% / 59%

## Dever Elementary School

325 Mt. Vernon St., Dorchester 02125

Eric Johnson, Principal

☎ 617-635-8694 Hours: 9:20-3:20

### Special features:

- Three after-school and summer programs to support academic, artistic, and social development for children in all grade levels.

- Balanced literacy program using First Steps Writing and Reading supported with Reading Recovery and a Literacy tutor using Soar to Success
- Partnership with Lesley College: We are a teacher training site for math, science, literacy and technology
- Flagship site of Citizen Schools, an apprenticeship-based enrichment program
- Smaller classes in grades 1-3 to focus on individual needs
- New play yard and outdoor classroom/laboratory
- State-of-the art computer lab and Internet access
- Focus on critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000: Reading 77% / 81% Math 61% / 60%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000: Reading 68% / 65% Math 57% / 51%

## East Zone Early Learning Center

370 Columbia Rd., Dorchester 02125

Myrtle David, Program Director

☎ 617-635-8604 Hours: 7:30-6:00

### Special features:

- All-day program for all students from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Daily writing program for all children, and use of Whole Language and phonics to teach reading
- IBM computer lab
- "Hands-on" math and science instruction
- State-of-the-art playground built by parents and teachers.

## Endicott Elementary School

2 McLellan St., Dorchester 02121

Robert Holland, Principal

☎ 617-635-8648 Hours: 9:25-3:25

### Special features:

- Emphasis on basic skills in a family-like setting
- Brand new library with all new books
- New computer lab with iMac computers, and emphasis on literacy instruction
- Strong commitment to literacy and whole school change
- School-based counseling from Harvard Street Health Center
- Partnerships with the Hill Holliday, Milton Academy, and USRefresh
- Inclusion of parents as an integral part of the educational process



# EAST ZONE SCHOOLS AT A GLANCE

## ELEMENTARY AND K-8 SCHOOLS

ELEMENTARY AND K-8 SCHOOLS	Location	Enroll- ment	Grades, Reg. Ed., Bilingual	# Classes Per Grade	Hours in 2001-2002	Bilingual Programs	Before & After School Programs Operating in the School Building	AWC	Uniform Policy
Channing	Hyde Park	350	K2-grade 5	2-3	8:30-2:30		Before, from 7:30AM	Gr. 4-5	Mandatory
Chittick	Mattapan	350	K2-grade 5	2-3	8:30-2:30		Before; after, \$40/mo. with sliding fee scale, open enrollment, tutoring		Mandatory
Clap	Dorchester	170	K2-grade 5	1	9:20-3:20				Mandatory
Condon	S. Boston	800	K2-grade 5	4-6	8:30-2:30	Cape Verdean	Before + after	Gr. 4-5	Voluntary
Dever	Dorchester	510	K2-grade 5	3-4	9:20-3:20	Spanish	After: Citizen Schools, gr. 3-5; Compass, K-2; soccer, gr. 3-5; tutoring, gr. 3-4		Voluntary
ELC East	Dorchester	160	K1-grade 1	2-3	7:30-6:00		Free surround care		None
Endicott	Dorchester	190	K2-grade 5	1-2	9:25-3:25				Voluntary
Everett	Dorchester	340	K2-grade 5	2	9:20-3:20		After, to 3:45 PM; grade 3 runs Oct. to May; grades 1-2, 4-5 runs Feb. to May.		Mandatory
Fifield	Dorchester	370	K2-grade 5	2-3	9:25-3:25				Voluntary
E. Greenwood	Hyde Park	480	K2-grade 5	3	9:20-3:20		After: K-5, 2:30-5 PM, \$20-\$30/wk, limited slots. Tutoring, homework, enrichment		Mandatory
S. Greenwood	Dorchester	420	K1-grade 8	2	9:20-3:20	Spanish, 2-way	After: Sports Plus (gr. 4-5), literacy		Mandatory
Grew	Hyde Park	300	K2-grade 5	2	8:30-2:30		After: Art and Transition programs		Voluntary
Holland	Dorchester	870	K2-grade 5	6-8	8:25-2:25	Spanish, Vietnam.		Gr. 4-5	Mandatory
Holmes	Dorchester	250	K2-grade 5	2	9:25-3:25		Before, from 7:15; After to 5:30, \$35/wk or less, homework help, tutoring, activities		Mandatory
Kenny	Dorchester	330	K2-grade 5	2-3	9:25-3:25	Haitian	After, Mon-Fri., 3-hour tutorial in reading, writing & math from BELL Foundation.		Mandatory
Lee	Dorchester	700	K2-grade 5	4-5	9:25-3:25		After, for regular education & autistic students	Gr. 4-5	Voluntary
Marshall	Dorchester	820	K2-grade 5	6-8	9:20-3:20	Spanish, 2-way			Mandatory
Mather	Dorchester	600	K2-grade 5	4-5	9:25-3:25	Vietnamese			Voluntary
Mattahunt	Mattapan	820	K2-grade 5	5-7	8:30-2:30	Spanish, Somali			Mandatory
Mattapan EEC	Mattapan	200	K0-grade 1	2-4	7:30-5:00	Multilingual	Free before and after school surround care		Voluntary
Murphy	Dorchester	790	K2-grade 5	4-6	8:30-2:30	Haitian, Vietnam.	Before	Gr. 4-5	None
O'Hearn	Dorchester	220	K2-grade 5	1-2	8:35-2:35		After, to 5:00 PM, Monday-Friday		Voluntary
Perkins	S. Boston	250	K2-grade 5	1-2	9:25-3:25				Voluntary
Perry	S. Boston	220	K2-grade 5	1-2	9:20-3:20		After		Mandatory
Roosevelt	Hyde Park	300	K2-grade 5	2	8:30-2:30				Voluntary
Russell	Dorchester	430	K2-grade 5	3-4	8:30-2:30	Spanish, 2-way			Mandatory
P. A. Shaw	Dorchester	340	K2-grade 5	2	9:20-3:20		After, BELL Foundation, to 5:30 PM, sliding fee scale		Mandatory
Stone	Dorchester	230	K2-grade 5	1-2	9:25-3:25		After, counseling, violence prevention		Mandatory
Taylor	Mattapan	630	K2-grade 5	3-5	8:35-2:35	Haitian	After, MCAS prep for gr. 4; grade 1-5, to 6 PM; recreation, drama, arts, small fee	Gr. 4-5	Voluntary
Tynan	S. Boston	440	K2-grade 5	2-4	8:30-2:30	Cape Verdean			Mandatory

## MIDDLE SCHOOLS

MIDDLE SCHOOLS	Location	Enroll- ment	Grades	Hours	Bilingual Programs	After-school Activities	AWC	Uniform Policy
Cleveland	Dorchester	740	Grades 6-8	7:20-1:30		Academics, sports, arts		Voluntary
Gavin	S. Boston	650	Grades 6-8	7:20-1:30		Academic extra help, GEAR UP		Voluntary
Harbor	Dorchester	260	Grades 6-8	7:55-3:35		Citizen Schools		Voluntary
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Lewenberg	Mattapan	640	Grades 6-8	7:20-1:30	Haitian	Tutoring, enrichment		Mandatory
McCormack	Dorchester	720	Grades 6-8	7:20-1:30	Cape Verdean		Grade 6	None
Rogers	Hyde Park	710	Grades 6-8	7:20-1:30	Vietnamese	Athletics, enrichment, tutoring		Voluntary
Thompson	Dorchester	470	Grades 6-8	7:20-1:30		Sports, clubs, tutoring, more	Grade 6	None
Wilson	Dorchester	660	Grades 6-8	7:20-1:30	Haitian	Sports & recreation	Grade 6	Mandatory

# EAST ZONE SCHOOLS AT A GLANCE



## BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- Commitment to multicultural education
- Dedicated staff committed to children
- Recent building improvements, including schoolwide Internet connections.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 66% / 79% Math 63% / 77%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 50% / 52% Math 38% / 42%

### Everett Elementary School

71 Pleasant St., Dorchester 02125

Kathleen Flannery, Principal

© 617-635-8779

Hours: 9:20-3:20

#### Special features:

- Culturally diverse environment
- Model automated school library with over 4,000 new volumes
- Many reading programs and incentives, including Reading Recovery (individual instruction for at-risk grade 1 students), Reading Is Fundamental (RIF), and book fairs
- Full-time computer, science, and art teachers

- Weekly newsletter, monthly coffee hours, fund-raisers, and school volunteers to involve and inform parents
- Partnership with Manulife Financial, who funds our after-school program
- Partnerships with UMass Boston, Boston College, and Simmons College
- Renovated, handicap accessible building, with an auditorium and play yard.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 89% / 94% Math 80% / 83%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 81% / 85% Math 57% / 68%

### Fifield Elementary School

25 Dunbar Ave., Dorchester 02124

Craig Lankhorst, Principal

© 617-635-8618

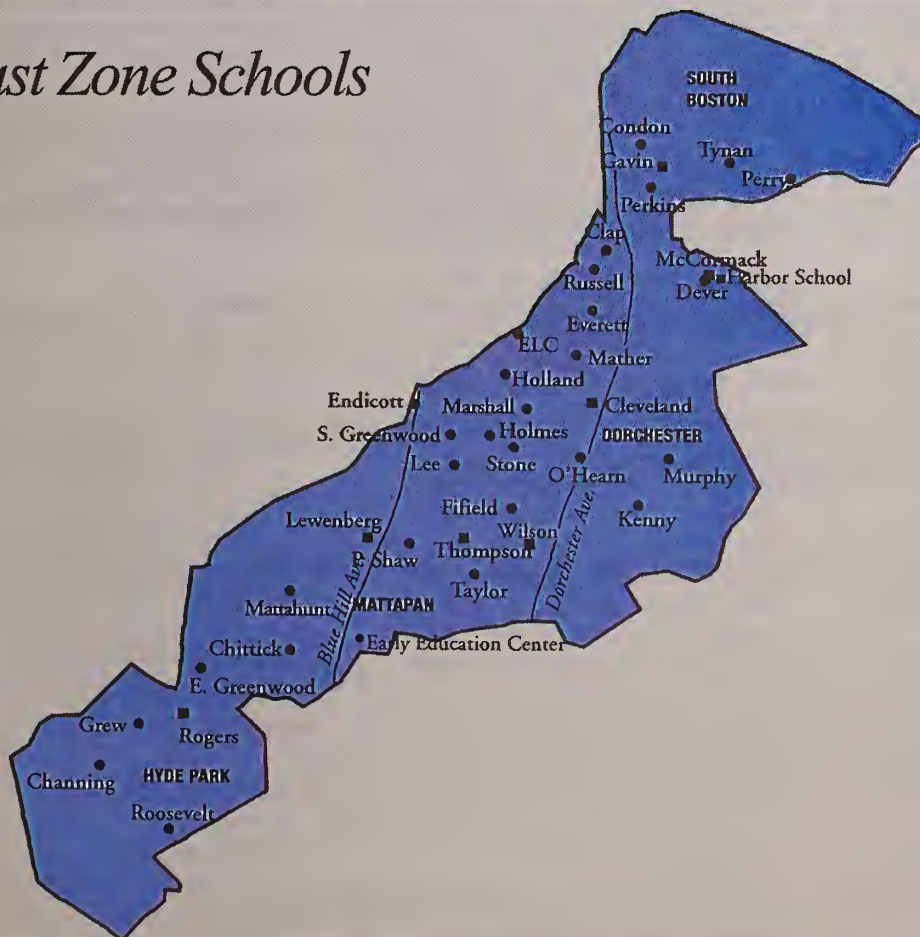
Hours: 9:25-3:25

#### Special features:

- An Early Learning Literacy Initiative (ELLI) school, with staff that are specially trained to help first graders learn to read well

- Access to a before and after school program run by the Dorchester YMCA
- Accelerated math instruction for all students
- Computers to supplement reading and math instruction in all grades
- Excellent music program, with instrumental music lessons, choir, and access to professional musicians
- Partnerships with the Unity Club, Northeastern University, Girl Scouts, Boston Ballet, Junior Achievement, City Year, and Future Teachers of America
- Computer and sports clubs and a school newspaper
- Many special awards and incentives for students
- Sports and games in a large playground and field nearby.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 84% / 79% Math 64% / 60%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 33% / 64% Math 20% / 31%

## East Zone Schools







## EAST ZONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

### Elihu Greenwood Elementary School

612 Metropolitan Ave., Hyde Park 02136  
 Jeannette Pillsbury, Principal  
 ☎ 617-635-8665 Hours: 9:20-3:20

#### Special features:

- Parent involvement in all areas, and volunteer grandparents
- Great music opportunities, including glee club and recorder lessons, thanks to our full-time music specialist
- Library, computer and science specialists
- Reading Recovery to help first graders read on grade level, and the Reading Success Network to build literacy skills schoolwide
- Internet access in our updated computer lab, library, and many classrooms
- Enrichment activities, including Yearn to Learn for high achievers, Boston Music Education Collaborative, and YMCA Adopt-a-Fifth Grade Program
- Partnerships with Ikon Office Solutions and Hyde Park Savings Bank
- An Accelerated School, setting high expectations for all students
- Participant in the Boston-Harvard Leadership Development Initiative
- Special events, including a Science Fair, Healthy Kids and International Festival
- Student-run paper recycling center
- Bright, comfortable, modern-style building.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000: Reading 73% / 80% Math 65% / 76%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000: Reading 67% / 57% Math 50% / 33%

### Sarah Greenwood School (K-8)

189 Glenway St., Dorchester 02121  
 Isabel Méndez, Principal  
 ☎ 617-635-8710 Hours: 9:20-3:20

#### Special features:

- Two-way bilingual school, offering all students the opportunity to learn in Spanish and English. **Students applying for grades 3-8 must attend an**

**orientation to this program with their families, participate in an informal interview, and take a language proficiency assessment in Spanish and English to determine their ability to succeed in the program**

- Full time social worker and an active Student Support Team
- Partnership with the Boston Nature Center
- Computers for classroom learning, and a recently updated computer lab with new PCs
- Stay in School program, the Cross Country development program and a golf program in partnership with Franklin Park and the city Parks & Recreation Department
- New literacy program aimed at developing and sustaining literacy
- Math Power program to build math skills in grades 4-8
- After-school learning opportunities, including homework help for middle school students, Sports Plus for grades 4 and 5, and literacy instruction for students at the lowest test performance level.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000: Reading 72% / 80% Math 33% / 50%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000: Reading 41% / 35% Math 31% / 34%
- % passing Gr. 8 MCAS in 1999 & 2000: Reading 78% / 94% Math 22% / 19%

### Grew Elementary School

40 Gordon Ave., Hyde Park 02136  
 Ronald Jackson, Principal  
 ☎ 617-635-8715 Hours: 8:30-2:30

#### Special features:

- Title I math and reading
- New technology and methods to teach math and science
- Excellent literacy programs: Developing Literacy First (K-3); Supporting Literacy (4-5)
- Literacy Book Room and library
- Soar To Success reading intervention program
- Math and Literacy coaches
- Maimonides School student volunteer program
- Student support team
- Weekly "coffee hour" for parents with the principal
- Additional academic resources through Boston Partners in Education

- Dental education through "Partners in Prevention" with Faulkner Hospital; and a fun health education program, "The Great Body Shop"
- Academic and schoolwide initiative support from our partnership with Meredith & Grew
- Counseling program with New England Home for Little Wanderers
- Dance program with Boston Ballet.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000: Reading 88% / 89% Math 74% / 76%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000: Reading 90% / 67% Math 62% / 51%

### Holland Elementary School

85 Olney St., Dorchester 02121  
 Vilma Gonzalez, Principal  
 ☎ 617-635-8832 Hours: 8:25-2:25

#### Special features:

- Innovative organization with six learning areas named after colleges and universities, each with a team of teachers who work and plan together; plus several traditional classrooms
- Two computer labs: IBM and Power Macintosh
- Internet access in all grade 5 classrooms, the library, and computer lab
- Parent Center to encourage participation in the school
- Northeastern University's Paul Robeson Institute/Mary MacLeod Bethune Institute
- Reading Recovery and school-based therapy programs
- On-site graduate program, via two-way video, with UMass Lowell
- Weekly Club Day, when students can pursue their interests in art, choir, math, swimming, basketball, theater, computer and science.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000: Reading 82% / 80% Math 80% / 75%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000: Reading 42% / 56% Math 41% / 41%

### Holmes Elementary School

40 School St., Dorchester 02124  
 Jacqueline J. Hogan, Principal  
 ☎ 617-635-8681 Hours: 9:25-3:25

#### Special features:

- A model school that fully includes special needs students in all classes
- Curriculum that reflects the diversity of its students and how *they* approach learning



- Third year receiving a \$50,000 grant to improve student achievement
- Implementation of a literacy program in all grades
- Computers in every classroom
- Library media center
- Outdoor science classroom
- Science, music, and physical education for all students
- Schoolwide discipline program
- On-site counseling
- Strong commitment to parent involvement
- An enrichment program to prepare students for mandatory tests
- Partnership with the Federal Reserve Bank, which sponsors a Read Aloud Program, a Pen Pal Club and a Career Awareness Program.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 82% / 74% Math 78% / 61%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 68% / 69% Math 38% / 58%

## Kenny Elementary School

19 Oakton Ave., Dorchester 02122  
Cheryl Lynn Watson-Harris, Principal  
© 617-635-8789 Hours: 9:25-3:25

### Special features:

- Nationally celebrated Success For All whole-school reading program
- Intensive academic after school program with the BELL Foundation
- Partnership with Generations, Inc., one of nine national demonstration sites to use seniors citizens as resources
- The "Getting Along Together" program to teach good citizenship
- Schoolyard Initiative grant to improve our schoolyard
- Computer lab, computers in every classroom, and complete music and technology programs.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 81% / 81% Math 67% / 64%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 58% / 64% Math 70% / 31%

## Lee Elementary School

155 Talbot Ave., Dorchester 02124  
Maria Iglesias, Principal  
© 617-635-8687 Hours: 9:25-3:25

### Special features:

- Creative organization in five cross-grade teaching and learning centers
- Reading Recovery for grade 1 students, the Literacy Collaborative in grades K-

- 5, literacy tutors, and a strong home-school learning partnership
- An award-winning art program, music, computer, Spanish, and science classes as special subjects
- Peer Buddies and other programs—including an after-school program funded by New England Home for Little Wanderers—to promote inclusion of disabled students in regular education settings
- Comprehensive health and violence prevention programs
- Affiliations with Boston Park Rangers, National Park Service, and the Boston Symphony: "The city is our classroom!"
- Support and enrichment services through Boston Excels, Boston College, Milton Academy, and Mass. College of Art
- A modern, open space facility with a gym, library, and theater.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 91% / 87% Math 65% / 70%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 61% / 60% Math 39% / 37%

## Marshall Elementary School

35 Westville St., Dorchester 02124  
Teresa Harvey-Jackson, Principal  
© 617-635-8810 Hours: 9:20-3:20

### Special features:

- Our "family" grouping model: Children remain with the same "family" of teachers, students and staff from Kindergarten-grade 5
- Two-way bilingual mini-school for Kindergarten-grade 5: Students learn English and Spanish
- The only school planetarium and greenhouse in the city
- A rich curriculum, including art, music, instrumental music, physical education, science, computers, swimming, and more
- The Boston Scholars program, which encourages and exposes students to positive role models and new ideas, and instills in them the belief that 'if they work hard, they will get smart'
- Partnership with Boston College, whose students mentor our grades 4 and 5 students through Project 2000
- Home/school literature program
- Lots of activities for families: Fathers' Luncheon, Science Fair, spaghetti dinners, student/faculty basketball games, and more.

- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 92% / 87% Math 84% / 87%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 66% / 73% Math 65% / 64%

## Mather Elementary School

One Parish St., Dorchester 02122  
Michael Kim Marshall, Principal  
© 617-635-8757 Hours: 9:25-3:25

### Special features:

- The oldest public elementary school in America
- State-of-the-art programs for teaching reading and writing: Reading Recovery and the Literacy Collaborative
- Smaller classes schoolwide through creative reorganization
- Grade-level teams of teachers to analyze student work and improve teaching
- "Looping" in most classes: Students stay with the same teacher for two years: Kindergarten-grade 1; grades 2 & 3; and grades 4 & 5
- Three Golden Apple Award winners on staff
- Specialists in Art, Computer, Library, Music, and Physical Education
- New IBM computer lab and numerous IBM and Macintosh computers in classrooms
- A weekly parent letter and individually scheduled parent-teacher conferences twice a year
- Partnerships with New England Financial, AEW Capital Management, Harvard's Judge Baker Clinic, Omega Psi Phi, and the Internal Revenue Service
- A first-class building with one of the best playground structures in Boston.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 66% / 89% Math 82% / 93%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 69% / 72% Math 68% / 63%

## Mattahunt Elementary School

100 Hebron St., Mattapan 02126  
Nancy Dickerson, Principal  
© 617-635-8792 Hours: 8:30-2:30

### Special features:

- The center for Boston's Reading Recovery program, the research-based intervention and safety net for early learners
- Student teachers from UMass Boston, Curry College, and Hellenic College
- Partnerships with Boston Partners in





Education, Junior Achievement, and parent and community volunteers

- Participates in Nature's Classroom, a week-long science camp for selected students in grades 4-5
- Internet access in the library, computer lab, and some classrooms
- Full-time Student Support Coordinator
- A large, modern building with a swimming pool and gym
- Two fully trained Reading Recovery teachers
- A Literacy Collaborative school
- Partnership with Peace Games, including a resident team of Americorp volunteers
- Business partnership with Citistreet.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 82% / 75% Math 72% / 76%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 55% / 47% Math 37% / 35%

### **Mattapan Early Education Center**

**108 Babson St., Mattapan 02126**

**Nora L. Toney, Principal**

**617-635-7680**

**Hours: 7:30-5:00**

#### *Special features:*

- All-day program for all students from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Inclusion of children with disabilities in classes with regular-education students
- A beautifully designed, child centered, state-of-the-art building
- Diverse student body and staff
- Clean and safe outdoor play structure
- Small class sizes with an adult/student ratio ranging from 1:10 or less
- Ongoing assessment of student achievement
- Reading instruction using the Waterford Computer Reading Program and the Mondo Balanced Early Literacy (BEL) program
- Reading Recovery for at-risk grade 1 students
- TERC "Investigations" curriculum in many classrooms
- Experienced staff, including mathematics and literacy lead teachers,

coaches, and Golden Apple awardees

- Staffed Parent Center
- Very active School Site and School Parent Councils.

### **Murphy Elementary School**

**1 Worrell St., Dorchester 02122**

**Mary Russo, Principal**

**© 617-635-8781**

**Hours: 8:30-2:30**

#### *Special features:*

- Reading and math scores in the top 25% of all Boston elementary schools
- Extra reading and writing time for all grades with a team of reading specialists
- Full-time math specialist
- Smaller class sizes in grades 3-5 (average class size is 22)
- Math and science instruction using telecommunications
- Monthly coffee hours for parents
- Reading Recovery for grade 1 students
- Computers in every classroom wired to the Internet
- An experienced faculty, including ten lead teachers, mentor teachers, teacher-coaches, a Golden Apple Award winner, and a Milken Educator
- Classroom tutors in Kindergarten and grade 1 with Boston Partners in Education
- Swimming, French, music, art, technology, and physical education
- On-site counseling and a full-time student support specialist to connect children and families to social services agencies
- Outdoor nature trail and newly landscaped schoolyard
- Partnerships with businesses, universities, city departments, and cultural organizations.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 95% / 94% Math 88% / 90%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 73% / 85% Math 70% / 73%

### **O'Hearn Elementary School**

**1669 Dorchester Ave.,**

**Dorchester 02122**

**William Henderson, Principal**

**© 617-635-8725**

**Hours: 8:35-2:35**

#### *Special features:*

- Inclusion school: Students involved in regular education, students with mild, moderate and severe disabilities, and students considered talented and gifted

learn together and from each other

- Citywide learning standards, arts and technology used and adapted to focus on literacy
- Extensive family involvement in decision making, outreach, newsletters, special events, family center, and curriculum reinforcement
- Collaborations with many universities, agencies, and corporations.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 100% / 95% Math 92% / 86%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 87% / 100% Math 78% / 79%

### **Perkins Elementary School**

**50 Burke St., South Boston 02127**

**Virginia DiFranza, Principal**

**© 617-635-8601**

**Hours: 9:25-3:25**

#### *Special features:*

- Macintosh LC III computer lab to teach writing and computer literacy
- Project PRIDE: Personal Responsibility In Daily Effort
- The Perkins Apprenticeship activity period every Friday for mixed-grade groups of students in grades 3-5
- Recipient of the Governor's Award for Anti-Violence
- Inclusion of students with disabilities in regular classrooms
- The Wee Delivery in-house postal service
- A home reading program supported by our business partner, Gillette Co.
- Home of Peace Games, promoting conflict resolution and self-esteem
- *Perkins PRIDE*, a monthly newsletter
- A newly renovated building.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 61% / 89% Math 63% / 68%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 83% / 80% Math 51% / 74%

### **Perry Elementary School**

**745 East 7th St., South Boston 02127**

**Chandra Minor, Principal**

**© 617-635-8840**

**Hours: 9:20-3:20**

#### *Special features:*

- Many methods to teach reading, including the Mondo/Balanced Early Literacy (BEL) model and Reading Recovery
- "Hands-on," thematic learning and "process" writing
- A multimedia center and Internet access



- Specialists in music, science, computers, dance, and physical education
- Specialist who works with students, parents, and teachers to integrate technology into daily classroom practices
- Inclusion of special needs students at all grade levels
- Music lessons on stringed instruments
- Awards from "A World of Difference" and the Boston Public Library
- On-site counseling
- Tutoring with UMass Boston, and partnerships with the World Trade Center, Double Decker Studios, and many local businesses
- Monthly newsletter, *The PerryWinkle*
- Free dance lessons through Boston Ballet City Dance
- A parent center, active parent council and School Site Council, and parent volunteers.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 83% / 83% Math 96% / 83%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 68% / 79% Math 72% / 62%

### **Roosevelt Elementary School**

**95 Needham Rd., Hyde Park 02136**  
**Mary Brown Daniels, Principal**  
**© 617-635-8676 Hours: 8:30-2:30**

#### *Special features:*

- A safe, motivating learning environment that develops caring, competent, accomplished students
- Focus on literacy across the subjects with the research-based Mondo Balanced Early Literacy (BEL) program
- Participation in Harvard University's Balanced Assessment in Mathematics Initiative
- Specialists to teach science, literacy-through-music, reading, math, and computer education
- Internet access, with a computer lab for all grades and additional computers in classrooms and the library
- An Instructional Leadership Team with principal, teacher, and parent members
- Recognition of outstanding students
- A quarterly, student-written newspaper and weekly parent bulletin
- Active School Parent Council, involved in school governance and in organizing activities such as an annual Field Day, sundae parties for successful students, and parent workshops.

- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 67% / 85% Math 67% / 84%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 98% / 92% Math 98% / 70%

### **Russell Elementary School**

**750 Columbia Rd., Dorchester 02125**  
**K. Anthony Berlandi, Principal**  
**© 617-635-8803 Hours: 8:30-2:30**

#### *Special features:*

- Optional two-way Spanish bilingual classes in all grades: All students learn English and Spanish
- Full-time instructors in science, computer, art, and Spanish
- Hands-on math and science instruction, and a math/science partnership with Boston Partners in Education
- Power Lunch tutorial program (grade 1)
- Very Special Arts music program
- Up-to-date computer lab linked to the Internet
- Leaps in Literacy, a program providing extra help in reading
- Mondo Balanced Early Literacy (BEL) literacy program
- Part of the Balanced Assessment in Mathematics Project from Harvard
- Parent center, with ESL classes twice a week
- Tutoring with UMass Boston and Foster Grandparents
- On-site group and individual counseling
- Part-time community coordinator
- Library program
- Member of the World Affairs Council of Boston
- Active Junior Achievement program
- Training site for student teachers
- Partners with the Foothill Capital Corp.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 81% / 87% Math 71% / 81%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 69% / 62% Math 55% / 57%

### **P. A. Shaw Elementary School**

**429 Norfolk St., Dorchester 02124**  
**Maudlin Wright, Principal**  
**© 617-635-8719 Hours: 9:20-3:20**

#### *Special features:*

- Emphasis on early literacy, using the Mondo Balanced Early Literacy (BEL) program
- Guest speakers from other countries, and cultural field trips

- Partnerships with Showa Institute for Women, World Affairs Council, Boston Ballet, and Boston Partners in Education
- Boston Police Dept. DARE Program
- State-of-the-art technology and computer software, with Internet access
- Individual and group counseling
- Nutrition and dental health programs with Northeastern University
- Programs with Mass. College of Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, Mass. Audubon Society, and the New England Aquarium
- Clubs: Chorus, Gardening, Chess, Steppers, Drama
- TERC "Investigations": we are a Level 2 school
- Student government
- Recipient of a MetroLink technology grant, which provides a technology coach.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 71% / 78% Math 47% / 56%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 60% / 41% Math 23% / 27%

### **Stone Elementary School**

**22 Regina Rd., Dorchester 02124**  
**Elaine Gibson, Principal**  
**© 617-635-8773 Hours: 9:25-3:25**

#### *Special features:*

- Partnership with John Hancock includes technology support, tutoring/mentoring, whole school planning
- Journalism theme, encouraging all children K-5 to be strong writers
- YMCA on-site after-school program for 40 students, sliding fee
- University partnerships: Boston College, UMass Boston and Wheelock College, provide student teachers; Harvard University Project Aspire provides positive school climate support
- Community partnerships: Boston Excels provides in-school counseling, violence prevention, parent/family support/outreach; "The Group" supports organizational change; Codman Square Health Center, and Dorchester YMCA
- Schoolwide Title I, and Reading Recovery for grade 1 students
- Parent center
- Specialists for art, music, physical education, health and library
- Computers in classrooms with Internet access





- Schoolwide ReadBoston Literacy Project
- Beautiful new playground with outdoor learning space.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 96% / 94%    Math 89% / 76%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 82% / 61%    Math 46% / 39%

### Taylor Elementary School

1060 Morton St., Mattapan 02126

Jean M. Philogene, Principal

© 617-635-8731    Hours: 8:35-2:35

#### Special features:

- An Early Childhood Learning Program
- French language programs
- Up-to-date Macintosh computer lab with schoolwide connection to the Internet
- Gym, art, music, library and computer classes
- Special education and counseling services
- Math and reading specialists
- Self-contained classrooms with a strong focus on teaching and learning
- A strong literacy program, the Lesley College Literacy Collaborative
- 90-minute literacy block
- The Boston Globe "Newspapers in Education" program
- Strong business partnerships, including the Boston Globe, City Year, Boston Ballet, Boston Police Dept., Junior Achievement, and the Cabot Foundation, Leaps & Literacy Program
- Girls Scouts, Craft Club, *Soars to Success*, after-school MCAS preparation, Community School, Choir
- A clean, attractive building that has been recently renovated and landscaped, and will soon have a beautiful new schoolyard through a Schoolyard Initiative grant.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 86% / 77%    Math 74% / 65%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 63% / 74%    Math 41% / 47%

## EAST ZONE MIDDLE SCHOOLS

### Tynan Elementary School

650 East 4th St., South Boston 02127

Carlene Shavis, Principal

© 617-635-8641    Hours: 8:30-2:30

#### Special features:

- Excellent reading instruction, including the Houghton Mifflin program, literature, Whole Language, and Literature Is Tops
- Focus on early literacy programs with support from a Primary Literacy Grant
- Hands-on instruction in math and science
- Full-time art, music, and science teachers
- Physical fitness program at the Boston Athletic Club and a full time physical education teacher
- Computer lab
- School-based counseling and health services with Boston Children's Services, and a student support program
- Full-time library program, yearly book fairs, and reading incentives
- Read-aloud and tutoring programs for grade 1 students with Boston Partners in Education
- A well-maintained school with a modern gym.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 77% / 86%    Math 82% / 81%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 74% / 65%    Math 55% / 60%

*Elementary school students who live in the East Zone can also apply for three citywide K-8 schools: the Hernandez School, Mission Hill School, and Young Achievers Science & Math School. Please see pages 11-12.*

# East Zone Middle Schools

### TEST RESULTS

Following each school's "special features," you will find 1999 and 2000 schoolwide results for the Stanford 9 and Mass. Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) reading and math tests.

**Stanford 9.** "% passing" means the percentage of students who scored at Level 2 (partial mastery), Level 3 (solid performance/ready for next grade) and Level 4 (superior/above grade level). Middle school students take the Stanford 9 reading and math tests in grades 6-8.

**MCAS.** "% passing" means the percentage of students who scored at Level 2 (needs improvement), Level 3 (proficient), and Level 4 (advanced). The MCAS is given in grades 4, 8 and 10.

### Cleveland Middle School

11 Charles St., Dorchester 02122

Margaret Hanscom, Principal

© 617-635-8631    Hours: 7:20-1:30

#### Special features:

- Winner of national awards, with award-winning teachers on staff
- State-of-the-art computer labs, Internet access, computers in many classrooms, and suites of computers for each cluster
- Full-time student support services with individual and group counseling through many community agencies
- Funding from many grant programs
- A full service, on-site health clinic
- Partnerships with cultural organizations, high tech firms, Turner Construction Company and Harvard University
- Small classes
- Grade level inclusion programs, a full inclusion program, and traditional curriculum programs
- Fair and consistent discipline practices.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 74% / 74%    Math 39% / 38%
- % passing Gr. 8 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 64% / 47%    Math 23% / 15%



### **Gavin Middle School**

215 Dorchester St., South Boston 02127  
Joseph Lee, Principal  
© 617-635-8817 Hours: 7:20-1:30

#### *Special features:*

- A Carnegie Turning Points School
- Totally handicap-accessible, with Multiple Handicap programs
- Cluster organization to include all students in smaller classes
- The originator of the Student Support Team concept for providing services
- Partnership with Gillette Co.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 82% / 84% Math 58% / 53%
- % passing Gr. 8 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 61% / 71% Math 14% / 12%

### **Sarah Greenwood School (K-8)**

189 Glenway St., Dorchester 02121  
Isabel Méndez, Principal  
© 617-635-8710 Hours: 9:20-3:20

*The Sarah Greenwood School is open to students in K2-Grade 8 who live in the East Zone. Please see page 16. However, please consider that current 5th graders are guaranteed a seat through grade 8. Therefore, the school will have fewer than 5 seats available for new assignments to grades 6-8.*

### **Harbor School**

An Expeditionary Learning Center  
294 Bowdoin Street., Dorchester 02122  
Scott Hartl, Program Director  
© 617-635-6365 Hours: 7:55-3:35  
Wednesdays: 7:55-12:30

#### *Special features:*

- Rigorous academic standards: Students are expected to do 2.5 hours of homework each evening; and the school does not accept academic work beneath a "C" grade
- Each student must compile a portfolio of required work, and meet all other BPS requirements in order to graduate.
- Strong family involvement, and an expectation for all families to attend a minimum of five required school functions during the year
- Full inclusion of students with disabilities in the regular classroom, with the same high expectations for all students
- Average class size of 22 students
- Teams of teachers that work with the same students for three years

- Frequent academic field work outside of the school building
- Strong emphasis on the arts, with *required* student involvement in a whole-school chorus
- A "pilot school," free from many Boston Public Schools and Boston Teachers Union rules and held to rigorous school performance standards.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 62% / 73% Math 30% / 35%
- % passing MCAS in 2000:  
Reading 88% Math 33%  
No grade 8 in 1999.

### **Lewenberg Middle School**

20 Outlook Rd., Mattapan 02126  
Myrtle Mayfield, Principal  
© 617-635-8623 Hours: 7:20-1:30

#### *Special features:*

- An award-winning staff, including seven Golden Apple Award winners and three National Reader's Digest Award winners
- Cooperative learning to foster learning and negotiation skills, teamwork, and individual decision-making
- An outstanding curriculum to increase academic achievement, with the instructional focus on literacy
- Emphasis on reading and writing in all subjects using the LLIFE literacy program and Soar to Success
- Programs in French, Latin, art, music, computers, physical education, home economics, health education and school-to-career
- Partnerships with Expeditionary Learning, Lesley College, IBM, and Mass. Audubon Society to promote interdisciplinary learning
- Collaboration on programs with more than thirty agencies and organizations
- Project Adventure, where students learn to trust in themselves and each other, to value teamwork, to relate to diversity, and to achieve academically, socially, and psychologically.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 79% / 73% Math 46% / 43%
- % passing Gr. 8 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 55% / 62% Math 15% / 21%

### **McCormack Middle School**

315 Mt. Vernon St., Dorchester 02125  
Muriel Leonard, Principal  
© 617-635-8657 Hours: 7:20-1:30

#### *Special features:*

- Three citations for excellence by the Mass. Department of Education, and Presidential recognition for partnership activities
- Partnership with Sovereign Bank for many activities: mentors and tutors, Adopt-a-Class, McCormack Kids Summer Institute, enrichment and exam school test preparation, student recognition, Job Shadowing and Career Visions, and ESL for parents
- Arts opportunities for all students, with All in One Boat, the Museum of Fine Arts, Computer Museum, Troubadour, Project Discovery, and the Alvin Ailey Dance Residency
- School-to-career program that connects the worlds of school and work
- Collaboration with the Kennedy Library, the Kennedy Library Corps, and UMass Urban Scholars
- A science lab program, with trips to Boston Harbor to study marine biology
- Awards ceremonies, chorus, drama club, and band.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 83% / 83% Math 61% / 66%
- % passing Gr. 8 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 68% / 68% Math 31% / 20%

### **Rogers Middle School**

15 Everett St., Hyde Park 02136  
Michael A. McCarthy, Principal  
© 617-635-8700 Hours: 7:20-1:30

#### *Special features of the Rogers School:*

- A positive environment for learning
- Consistently ranked as a top middle school in student and staff attendance
- "Open Door" policy for parents
- Cluster organization of students with a team of teachers
- A tradition of excellence, with a schoolwide focus on writing and literacy
- Technology wing and schoolwide access to the Internet
- Performing arts, school chorus, and current events programs
- Partnerships with Curry College, Thompson Island, and the Hyde Park Branch Library
- Library, school book store, Tutoring Center





- Dedicated, experienced faculty, with active support for staff professional development
- Five consecutive school improvement awards in recognition of student and staff achievement.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000: Reading 94% / 93% Math 63% / 67%
- % passing Gr. 8 MCAS in 1999 & 2000: Reading 86% / 83% Math 36% / 29%

### **Thompson Middle School**

**100 Maxwell St., Dorchester 02124**

**Ronald Spratling, Principal**

**© 617-635-8764 Hours: 7:20-1:30**

#### *Special features of the Thompson School:*

- Pride in being a small school where staff know and nurture students
- Emphasis on the attitude, "College is for me!"
- College preparatory courses for all students: French, algebra, and computer usage
- Support for teachers to plan and develop interdisciplinary lessons together
- Partnerships with Citizens Bank, Talent Search, and the Urban League
- Block scheduling to use instructional time more efficiently
- Reading instruction in all classes, even math and science
- Preparation for the exam school admission test.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000: Reading 76% / 77% Math 35% / 41%
- % passing Gr. 8 MCAS in 1999 & 2000: Reading 53% / 65% Math 19% / 16%

### **Wilson Middle School**

**18 Croftland Ave., Dorchester 02124**

**Claudette Mulligan-Gates, Principal**

**© 617-635-8827 Hours: 7:20-1:30**

#### *Special features:*

- Students clustered in small teams for all academic subjects
- Tutoring, mentoring, counseling, peer mediation, and after school sports and recreation

- Telecommunications and the Internet to support classroom-based instruction
- Four computer labs and two satellite communications systems
- Recipient of the Secretary of Education's Award for Improved Parental Involvement
- College and career awareness curriculum through the Higher Education Information Center, UMass Boston, Carney Hospital, and Citizen Schools
- Training for students in violence prevention and peer leadership
- Boston's first middle school to join the School-to-Career initiative
- UMass Boston Urban Scholars program
- Partnership with Carney Hospital
- Winner of several grants for school reform and schoolyard improvement
- Recently modernized building, with \$1 million's worth of improvements.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000: Reading 73% / 77% Math 54% / 51%
- % passing Gr. 8 MCAS in 1999 & 2000: Reading 60% / 66% Math 22% / 17%

*Middle school students who live in the East Zone can also apply for five citywide schools: Hernandez (Kindergarten-grade 8), M. L. King Jr. (grades 6-8), Mission Hill School (Kindergarten-grade 8), Timilty (grades 6-8), and Young Achievers (Kindergarten-grade 8). Please see pages 11-12. However, please consider that current 5th graders at the Hernandez, Mission Hill, and Young Achievers are guaranteed a seat through grade 8. Therefore, these schools will have fewer than 5 seats available for new assignments to grades 6-8.*

# **North Zone Elementary Schools**

## **TEST RESULTS**

Following each school's "special features," you will find 1999 and 2000 schoolwide results for the Stanford 9 and Mass. Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) reading and math tests.

**Stanford 9.** "% passing" means the percentage of students who scored at Level 2 (partial mastery), Level 3 (solid performance/ready for next grade) and Level 4 (superior/above grade level). In 2000, the Stanford 9 reading and math tests were given in grades 3, 5-9, and 11. In 1999, they were given in those same grades, with one exception: Grade 3 did not take the reading test.

**MCAS.** "% passing" means the percentage of students who scored at Level 2 (needs improvement), Level 3 (proficient), and Level 4 (advanced). The MCAS is given in grades 4, 8 and 10.

### **Adams Elementary School**

**165 Webster St., East Boston 02128**

**Catherine Conway, Principal**

**© 617-635-8383 Hours: 9:15-3:15**

#### *Special features:*

- Art, physical education and science programs
- The Balanced Early Literacy (BEL) program that includes Reading Recovery
- ESL, Speech and Literacy programs
- Home Reading Program, RIF (Reading is Fundamental)
- Computer lab equipped with the latest technology
- Multicultural enrichment programs in music, drama, dance, and art
- An active parent organization, providing classroom assistance and fundraising
- Partnerships with the North Suffolk Mental Health Association, the MWRA, and Cambridge 7.



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- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 71% / 90% Math 78% / 81%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 57% / 65% Math 53% / 52%

### Alighieri Elementary School

37 Gove St., East Boston 02128

Rita Sorrento, Principal

☎ 617-635-8529 Hours: 9:15-3:15

#### Special features:

- Many resources and programs to help students with literacy: the Mondo Balanced Early Literacy (BEL) program in the early grades, a literacy specialist, Art and Music, Reading Recovery, Reading is Fundamental/RIF and Grade 3 Transition Program.
- A Parent Center, library, and teacher resource library
- Frequent visits and performances at the nearby Lyman Elderly Apartments
- Strong pairings with the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, Kiwanis, Northeastern, East Boston Foundation, Boston Police, the Chamber of Commerce, MassPort, Logan Hilton, City Year, East Boston District Court, Wheelock College, Boston Ballet, Gillette Retirees and Abuzz Technology
- Computers with Internet connection in all classrooms
- Schoolyard Initiative Grant – 2001 completion
- Clean, recently painted building.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 100% / 94% Math 93% / 85%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 96% / 79% Math 59% / 52%

### Baldwin Elementary School

121 Corey Rd., Brighton 02135

Grace Yong Madsen, Principal

☎ 617-635-8460 Hours: 9:15-3:15

#### Special features:

- Member of the Literacy Collaborative
- Recipient of the Read Excellence Grant from the Dept. of Education
- An extensive partnership with Boston College: Partners in training student teachers; tutorial help offered by BC students; and Junior Olympics at BC in the spring
- Tutoring and friendship through our association with Foster Grandparents
- Support services for students experiencing difficulties
- Arts, music, gym, and computer classes

- Emphasis on character development through the Humane Society's Operation Outreach
- A new playground by September 2001
- Parent involvement through the Read Boston Program
- An active School Site Council.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 100% / 93% Math 98% / 95%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 73% / 79% Math 68% / 82%

### Blackstone Elementary School

380 Shawmut Ave., Boston 02118

Mildred Ruiz-Allen, Principal

☎ 617-635-8471 Hours: 8:25-2:25

#### Special features:

- Early Childhood Education programs for three and four-year-olds with special needs and for multi-handicapped children
- Team teaching and lessons planned around central themes and goals
- A parent center for workshops, special activities, and meetings
- Swimming, gym, art, music, health and theater arts
- Two computer labs
- Choir for grades 3-5, the Blackstone Players (drama group)
- The Cumulative Writing Folder system to teach writing to students in grades 1-5
- Boston Ballet's City Dance, available for grade 3 students
- Focus on improving reading through Reading Recovery, early literacy program, home reading, and Drop Everything And Read (DEAR)
- The Power Lunch program, with almost 100 volunteers who provide weekly mentoring, reading, office help, and classroom support for teachers
- Foster Grandparents program.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 61% / 70% Math 61% / 66%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 32% / 37% Math 30% / 34%

### Bradley Elementary School

10 Beachview Rd., East Boston 02128

F. Robert Lyons, Principal

☎ 617-635-8422 Hours: 9:20-3:20

#### Special features:

- Integrated Early Childhood Program for students ages 3-5
- Integrated Learning System (computer

assisted instruction) in a newly equipped computer lab for grades 1-5

- All classrooms are wired to the Internet, with several computers for student use
- Emphasis on writing skills, using word processing and the Cumulative Writing Folder in grades 2-5
- Ballet lessons through the Boston Ballet City Dance program for selected children in grades 3-5 (and beyond, for students chosen for advanced instruction)
- Training site for student teachers from Northeastern University and Salem State College.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 91% / 91% Math 84% / 95%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 89% / 93% Math 81% / 86%

### East Boston Early Education Center

135 Gove St., East Boston 02128

Esther Adames-Jimenez, Principal

☎ 617-635-6456 Hours: 7:30-6:00

#### Special features:

- An all-day program for all students from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Inclusion of children with disabilities in all classes
- Small class sizes with paraprofessionals
- State-of-the-art, 3-year-old building, specially designed for young children
- Four computers per classroom, with Internet access in every room
- Balanced Early Literacy model – children work in centers
- Multilingual program with strong support for second language learners
- Team teaching and thematic units and goals, planned by grade level
- Three Reading Recovery teachers
- The Waterford program in all 1<sup>st</sup> grades, integrating literacy and technology
- Parents center for workshops, special activities, meetings; ESL, computer and Spanish
- Principal's weekly Coffee Hour with parents in English and Spanish
- Music teacher who integrates literacy in all classes
- Suzuki-method violin lessons for some students
- Integration of science with literacy and art
- Beautiful library facilities
- Assignment preference for children from East Boston.



# NORTH ZONE SCHOOLS AT A GLANCE

## ELEMENTARY AND K-8 SCHOOLS

	Location	Enroll- ment	Grades, Reg. Ed. & Bilingual	# Classes Per Grade	Hours in 2001-2002	Bilingual Programs	Before & After School Programs Operating in the School Building	AWC	Uniform Policy
Adams	E. Boston	270	K2-grade 5	2	9:15-3:15		Before, from 8 AM. After, to 6 PM		Mandatory
Alighieri	E. Boston	150	K2-grade 5	1	9:15-3:15		Before, from 7:30, gr. 3 & 4, academic support. Slots unlimited. Free.		Mandatory
Baldwin	Brighton	210	K2-grade 5	2	9:15-3:15	Chinese	After, for K-5, 2-6 PM, tutoring & activities operated by YMCA		None
Blackstone	South End	800	K2-grade 5	5-7	8:25-2:25	Spanish	Before, grade 4. After, grades 1-5		Mandatory
Bradley	E. Boston	290	K2-grade 5	2	9:20-3:20		Before, tutorial support, Dec.-May	Gr. 4-5	Mandatory
E. Bost. EEC	E. Boston	200	K0-grade 1	4	7:30-6:00	Multilingual	Free surround care		Voluntary
Eliot	North End	200	K2-grade 5	2	9:25-3:25				Mandatory
Emerson	Roxbury	240	K2-grade 5	2	9:20-3:20	C. Verdean	After, to 5:30: free tutoring & enrichment for grades 1-5, 30 slots		Mandatory
Farragut	Mission Hill	300	K2-grade 5	2-3	9:20-3:20		After, 2:30-5 PM, K-5, \$25 per wk; free tutorial, gr. 1-3, 2:30-3:45, 3x per wk.	Gr. 4-5	Voluntary
Gardner	Allston	420	K2-grade 5	3-4	8:30-2:30	Spanish	Before; After, extended services		Mandatory
Garfield	Brighton	280	K2-grade 5	2	9:25-3:25		Before (all grades); After, 4x a week (ages 9-14)		Voluntary
Guild	E. Boston	200	K2-grade 5	1-2	8:25-2:25	Chinese	After, to 6 PM, run by YMCA, \$42/wk. Tutoring, recreation.		Mandatory
Hamilton	Brighton	220	K2-grade 5	1	8:30-2:30	Multilingual	Before, from 8 AM. After, to 6 PM		Voluntary
Harvard/Kent	Charlestown	470	K2-grade 5	3	9:25-3:25	Chinese			Mandatory
Hurley	South End	350	K2-grade 5	3	8:30-2:30	Spanish, 2-way	Before + after		Voluntary
Jackson/Mann	Allston	630	K2-grade 5	4-6	7:30-1:30	Portuguese	After, gr. 1-5	Gr. 4-5	None
P. Kennedy	E. Boston	280	K2-grade 5	2	9:20-3:20				Mandatory
Lyon K-8	Brighton	120	K2-grade 8	1	9:20-3:20		Free surround care 7:15 AM-5 PM		None
Mason	Roxbury	210	K0-grade 5	2	8:30-2:30		Before + after		None
McKay K-8	E. Boston	670	K2-grade 8	2-4	8:25-2:25	Spanish	Before + after: academics, social, NE Scores soccer + writing		Mandatory
ELC North	Allston	90	K0-grade 1	2	7:30-6:00		Free surround care		None
O'Donnell	E. Boston	300	K2-grade 5	2-3	9:25-3:25		After: 2:45-3:30, 2 days/wk. Also, free tutorial for at-risk gr. 3 & 4.		Mandatory
Otis	E. Boston	380	K2-grade 5	3	8:30-2:30	Span., Port.	Before: limited slots. After, limited English proficient families, 25 slots		Mandatory
Quincy	Chinatown	860	K2-grade 5	2-3	9:25-3:25	Chinese	After	Gr. 4-5	None
Tobin K-8	Mission Hill	450	K2-grade 8	3-4	9:25-3:25	Spanish	After, BUILD for gr. 3-6, 2 days, free; BELL Foundation, gr. 1-5, sliding fee		Voluntary
Warren/Presc.	Charlestown	370	K2-grade 5	2-3	8:30-2:30		Before, 8-9 AM, \$2/day		Voluntary
Winship	Brighton	300	K0-grade 5	2	9:20-3:20	Spanish	After, to 6 PM for age 5 and older, \$40-\$68, some scholarships		None
Winthrop	Dorchester	320	K2-grade 5	1-2	9:25-3:25		Before, \$30/mo, 50 slots. After, 39 slots \$48/week (sliding fee scale)	Gr. 4-5	Mandatory

MIDDLE SCHOOLS	Location	Enroll- ment	Grades	Hours	Bilingual Programs	After-school Activities	AWC	Uniform Policy
Dearborn	Roxbury	450	Grades 6-8	7:30-3:20; 7:30-12:40 Fri.	Cape Verd.	Sports, clubs, tutoring, Boston Comm. Learning Center, 2-6 Program, READ 180 lab	Grade 6	Mandatory
Edison	Brighton	630	Grades 6-8	7:20-1:30	Spanish	Tutoring, exam school test prep, sports, computers, Gear Up with Boston University	Grade 6	None
Edwards	Charlestown	510	Grades 6-8	7:20-1:30	Chinese	"Rising Stars" and Gear Up, offering study skills, tutoring, board games, sports		Mandatory
Quincy Upper	Chinatown	210	Grades 6-8 in 9/01	8:25-4:30; 8:25-3:25 Fri.	Chinese	Tutoring & clubs Grade 6		None
Taft	Brighton	520	Grades 6-8	7:20-1:30		Vanguard "Rally" program with Harvard School of Education, Mon-Thurs.		None
Umana/Barnes	E. Boston	960	Grades 6-8	7:20-1:30	Span., Portug.	ISEE prep, sports, Extended Day Program, Gear Up program, theater	Grade 6	Mandatory

# NORTH ZONE SCHOOLS AT A GLANCE



# BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Eliot Elementary School

16 Charter St., Boston 02113

Wesley Manaday, Principal

© 617-635-8545

Hours: 9:25-3:25

### Special features:

- Proud history: the Eliot is on the Freedom Trail and traces its beginnings to 1713
- Many nearby resources: We can walk to the Paul Revere House, New England Aquarium, Old North Church, and Faneuil Hall
- Mondo Balanced Early Literacy (BEL) program for beginning readers, and the Reading Workshop Approach (grades 3-5)
- An excellent partnership with the Berkshire Group, and with the New England Aquarium that provides educational workshops
- Italian language and cultural program funded by the Italian Consulate
- Visual and theater arts, folk dancing, and Museum of Fine Arts Visual Thinking Through Art (grades 4-5)

- Newly renovated library and a multimedia computer lab, with 28 Macintosh computers and an extensive software library
- Collaboration with area colleges and universities, which provide interns and student teachers
- Boston Schoolyard Initiative grant.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 64% / 79% Math 48% / 71%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 28% / 49% Math 19% / 33%

## Emerson Elementary School

6 Shirley St., Roxbury 02119

C. Sura O'Mard-Gentle, Principal

© 617-635-8507

Hours: 9:20-3:20

### Special features:

- ReadBoston, which provides home lending libraries and parent/teacher conferences twice a year
- Full-time City Year team, providing literacy support, student activities clubs and after-school tutoring
- Individual and family service support

from Uphams Corner CHC, Whittier St. CHC, Families First and the Cape Verdean Nurturing Project

- Parent Center with full-time parent educator, monthly parent meetings and Adult ESL
- Affiliations with local cultural programs: Brown Bag Opera, Cantata Singers, Shirley-Eustis House and Boston Historic Neighborhoods
- Community partnerships: The Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative and Nuestra Comunidad CDC
- Active business partnerships: BFI, Vargas and Vargas Insurance, and Citizen's Bank
- "Schools of Choice Partnership" participant
- Newly-built schoolyard with interactive learning graphics.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 83% / 79% Math 86% / 78%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 74% / \* Math 78% / 63%

\* Score not reported.

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## NORTH ZONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

### Farragut Elementary School

10 Fenwood Rd., Boston 02115

Charles Ray, Principal

© 617-635-8450

Hours: 9:20-3:20

#### *Special features:*

- High expectations for all students
- Option of the same teacher for grades 4-5
- Full-time physical education and science teachers
- Read Boston volunteers from Boston University and Simmons College
- Free instrumental music lessons with teachers from Boston University
- After-school tutoring for grades 1, 2 and 3 three days a week
- Partnerships with New England Baptist Hospital, Gardner Museum, and Museum of Fine Arts
- Spanish and French language instruction.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 93% / 92% Math 87% / 88%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 86% / 91% Math 84% / 74%

### Gardner Elementary School

30 Athol St., Allston 02134

Catalina Montes, Principal

© 617-635-8365

Hours: 8:30-2:30

#### *Special features:*

- Extended services to students and families in collaboration with Boston College, the YMCA, Allston/Brighton Healthy Boston Coalition and other agencies, thanks to an exciting grant from DeWitt-Wallace
- Success Maker computer integrated learning system
- State of the art computer lab and media center
- Student teachers and interns, from Boston College
- Tutors and mentors from Boston College and Harvard Business School
- On-site health center with St. Elizabeth's Hospital
- Partnerships with McNamara House,

Boston Partners in Education, Genzyme Corporation, Computer Curriculum Corp., St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Smith Clinic, and Stop & Shop

- In-school counseling with Allston-Brighton Mental Health Clinic
- Gym classes at Boston University and participation in the Harvard Student/Athlete Program
- Two playgrounds: one for younger and one for older students
- Developing a strong music program and school band.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 94% / 95% Math 82% / 98%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 91% / 71% Math 79% / 60%

### Garfield Elementary School

95 Beechcroft St., Brighton 02135

Victoria Megias-Batista, Principal

© 617-635-8351

Hours: 9:25-3:25

#### *Special features:*

- Portfolios of student work for every student in Kindergarten-grade 5
- Computers in the classroom
- Counseling from Allston-Brighton Health Center and Boston College Graduate School of Social Work
- Inclusion of students with disabilities in regular education classrooms to increase their self-esteem and learning
- Team teaching during reading classes to provide more adults in the classroom
- Internet connections in every classroom
- Lots of hands-on activities to make math and science exciting
- Read-aloud time every Tuesday with Boston College employees
- Collaboration with Boston Partners in Education to bring volunteers to help in classrooms
- Opening and closing meetings to celebrate the day's learning and build school pride.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 97% / 86% Math 77% / 83%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 76% / 77% Math 78% / 68%

### Guild Elementary School

195 Leyden St., East Boston 02128

Simon Ho, Principal

© 617-635-8523

Hours: 8:25-2:25

#### *Special features:*

- Computer, physical education, music, and arts lessons for all students each week
- School-developed literacy model
- School-Linked Services through Home for Little Wanderers
- Use of "hands-on" materials and a new method called TERC Investigation to teach math concepts
- Mandarin language instruction in grades 3-5
- Professional development for staff with Tufts University
- Partnership with Hastings School (Lexington), Guild, and Tufts University
- New England SCORES creative writing and soccer program for grades 3-5.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 86% / 94% Math 85% / 75%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 64% / 71% Math 46% / 59%

### Hamilton Elementary School

198 Strathmore Rd., Brighton 02135

Ellen McCarthy, Principal

© 617-635-8388

Hours: 8:30-2:30

#### *Special features:*

- Strong academic program with science, music, and computer specialists
- A new computer lab and computers in every classroom
- Physical education program at Boston University
- Tutors from Boston College, Boston University and Bentley College in classes every week
- School based counseling for students with Brighton/Allston Mental Health counselor
- New schoolyard
- Read Excellence grant to support primary literacy
- Partnership with the Jackson/Mann Community Center providing family literacy events/program for families.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 100% / 100% Math 87% / 86%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 65% / 37% Math 62% / 34%



## Harvard/Kent Elementary School

50 Bunker Hill St., Charlestown 02129  
Sue Ellen Hogan, Principal  
☎ 617-635-8358 Hours: 9:25-3:25

### Special features:

- An award-winning staff, including Golden Apple Awards, private foundation winners, and a published author
- Pride in being diverse, determined, and dynamic
- Warm and caring atmosphere
- State-of-the-art programs for beginning readers using a multi-sensory, multi-skills approach to language arts
- PC and Mac computer labs; and at least one computer in every classroom
- Collaboration with the Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, New England Aquarium, Peabody Museum, Children's Museum, Computer Museum, the National Center of Afro-American Artists, and the Arts Are Academic community
- Adopted by the U.S.S. *Constitution*
- Special programs such as Math Night, Bedtime Story Hour, Guest Club, Drama Club, Computer Club, parents and children counselling services, MGH Health Center (Project If)
- A bright, beautifully designed school, in "first-class" condition.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000: Reading 90% / 90% Math 77% / 84%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000: Reading 63% / 59% Math 56% / 48%

## Hurley Elementary School

70 Worcester St., Boston 02118  
Nora E. Pou, Principal  
☎ 617-635-8489 Hours: 8:30-2:30

### Special features:

- Two-way English-Spanish program: Students applying for grades 3-5 must attend an orientation to the two-way program with their families, participate in an informal interview, and take a language proficiency assessment in Spanish and English to determine their ability to succeed in the program.
- "Hands-on" teaching in science and math
- Schoolwide writing program and a home/school reading awareness program
- Full-time computer, science, health, and physical education teachers

- Boston Ballet City Dance
- Partnerships with Boston College, City Mission Society/Artist in Residence Program, Copley Place, Northeastern University, and South End Clinic
- A poet and other artists who work with students every week
- A Student Support Team.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000: Reading 74% / 68% Math 54% / 56%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000: Reading 61% / 57% Math 40% / 38%

## Jackson/Mann Elementary School

40 Armington St., Allston 02134  
Joanne Collins Russell, Principal  
☎ 617-635-8532 Hours: 7:30-1:30

### Special features:

- An intensive, highly structured teaching and learning program that focuses on literacy for all
- Full inclusion of children with disabilities in regular classes
- Strong program for deaf children in its oral/aural program
- A comprehensive program for autistic students
- Wide use of computer-assisted instruction
- Strong support for English language learners
- Visual arts, music, foreign language, science, and physical education classes
- Professional development school for teacher training with Boston College, Boston University, and Wheelock College
- Successful business partnership with Liberty Mutual Insurance Co., and "literacy links" with Weston High School, Read America, and Young Audiences
- A strong family partnership which engages parents and guardians in the social/academic progress of children on a daily basis.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000: Reading 93% / 87% Math 71% / 78%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000: Reading 87% / 63% Math 70% / 55%

## P. J. Kennedy Elementary School

343 Saratoga St., East Boston 02128  
Eugene Ellis, Principal  
☎ 617-635-8466 Hours: 9:20-3:20

### Special features:

- Award-winning computer programs, a state-of-the-art computer lab, a media center with eight computers, Internet access, and a computer in every classroom
- An exciting math program called Mathland, and Math Magic after school tutoring program
- Annual book fair and Science Fair
- Four Lead Teachers, tops in their profession
- Full time librarian
- A school newspaper and a weekly parent newsletter
- A transition-to-Kindergarten program, and teaming of Kindergarten and grade 4 students for reading practice
- Counseling, mentoring, and ESL
- Art and music programs, dancing with Boston Ballet, and student performances
- Full time physical education teacher, and a great soccer and writing program with New England SCORES
- Annual field day and holiday bazaar
- Newly renovated building.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000: Reading 93% / 91% Math 89% / 83%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000: Reading 83% / 92% Math 65% / 71%

## Lyon School (K-8)

50 Beechcroft St., Brighton 02135  
Mary Nash, Principal  
☎ 617-635-7945 Hours: 9:20-3:20

### Special features:

- Before and after school "surround care" from 7:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Full integration of students with disabilities and regular education students in small classes, each of which is staffed with a teacher and an assistant
- Highly qualified staff: All teachers hold Master's degrees and are certified in both regular and special education
- The highest staff attendance rate in the city
- Over-chosen by parents since 1993
- Winner of many awards
- Partnerships with Boston College, Wheelock College, and Walker School.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000: Reading 80% / 91% Math 63% / 76%





## NORTH ZONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

### McKay School (K-8)

122 Cottage St., East Boston 02128

Janie Ortega, Principal

© 617-635-8510

Hours: 8:25-2:25

#### *Special features:*

- Focus on professional development for staff and improved instruction for students
- Part of the National Institute for Urban School Reform, which funds our whole school change effort through Leadership Institutes for staff
- Its own literacy model, which addresses the needs of all students in kindergarten-grade 8
- Bilingual and special education programs which include mainstreaming into regular classrooms
- Specialists in music, art, theatre arts, technology, Spanish, and physical education
- Opportunities for parent education and involvement through a parent facilitator and Families First
- Two technology labs which feature the latest in technology
- Active partnerships with Cabot Corp. and Boston Partners in Education.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 82% / 83%    Math 35% / 57%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 54% / 46%    Math 38% / 39%
- % passing Gr. 8 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 65% / 97%    Math 6% / 32%

### North Zone Early Learning Center

at the Jackson/Mann School

40 Armington St., Allston 02134

Graciela Hopkins, Principal

© 617-635-8409

Hours: 7:30-6:00

#### *Special features:*

- All-day program for all students from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Inclusion of students with disabilities in all classes
- Small classes and a developmental curriculum which nurtures young children
- Music, science, and physical education
- Computers in all classrooms
- Work-study site for Boston University
- Library rich with materials for young children and their parents
- Literacy tutors in all classes from Boston University
- Two grants for schoolyard improvement

- Use of the Jackson/Mann School's large gymnasium and cafeteria.

### O'Donnell Elementary School

33 Trenton St., East Boston 02128

John Waggett, Principal

© 617-635-8454

Hours: 9:25-3:25

#### *Special features:*

- Focus on high expectations
- A 21st century technology plan, with two fully equipped computer labs, computers in every classroom, and Internet access
- Literacy program (ELIC/LLIFE) in kindergarten-grade 5 that is integrated through all subjects
- Extra support for at-risk students with Reading and Math specialists in ESL and WKRP phonics program
- Supportive ESL program tutoring for at-risk students
- Alliance East member, a working partnership with other East Boston schools
- Partnerships with Little, Brown and Co., Boston Private Industry Council, Boston Ballet
- Summer tutoring and a summer schoolyard program
- Commitment to an active parent-community partnership
- Award winning playground and landscaped schoolyard and renovated school building.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 90% / 80%    Math 63% / 64%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 85% / 87%    Math 71% / 69%

### Otis Elementary School

218 Marion St., East Boston 02128

Thomas Connelly, Principal

© 617-635-8372

Hours: 8:30-2:30

#### *Special features:*

- Multilingual teaching staff
- Success for All, an effective new method for teaching language arts devised and supervised by Johns Hopkins University
- 13 computers linked to the Internet through the computer/library lab
- Instruction in art, music, and language in a totally integrated, multicultural environment
- In-school counseling for kindergarten-grades 5

- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 100% / 91%    Math 100% / 100%
- % passing Gr. 8 MCAS:  
No Grade 8 in 1999 or 2000.

### Mason Elementary School

150 Norfolk Ave., Roxbury 02119

Janet Palmer-Owens, Principal

© 617-635-8405

Hours: 8:30-2:30

#### *Special features:*

- A U. S. Dept. of Education "National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence"
- A Mass. Dept. of Education demonstration site for early literacy
- Citywide Math Learning Site
- Early Childhood program for ages 3 and 4, with after school surround care
- Cited twice by the U. S. Dept. of Education for its exemplary reading program
- Small class sizes (15-20 students), classroom math mentors, and reading tutors
- Wired for the Internet, with computers in every classroom
- Naturalist-in-residence and science specialist for all grades
- Intensive reading and writing program for Kindergarten
- Two individual parent conferences a year, and workshops for parents on supporting children's reading, writing and math
- Swimming, music, art, and storytelling
- Many business, community, and university partners
- On-site counseling for children and families.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 91% / 88%    Math 83% / 77%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 97% / 85%    Math 89% / 67%



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- Active partnerships with Johnson & Higgins, Wheelock College, UMass Boston, and Boston College through their student teaching programs
- Strong parent involvement through parent councils in English, Spanish, and Portuguese
- ESL for adults after school through our Project Excel partnership
- ReadBoston family literacy program.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 93% / 83% Math 84% / 68%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 78% / 83% Math 48% / 79%

### Quincy Elementary School

885 Washington St., Boston 02111

Suzanne Lee, Principal

© 617-635-8497

Hours: 9:25-3:25

#### Special features:

- Mandarin language instruction for all students
- Winner of an Excellence in Education Award from the U. S. Dept. of Education
- Traditional and new teaching methods in recognition of the many learning styles of our students
- Departmentalization in grades 4 and 5
- Use of the Internet in each classroom
- After school clubs, orchestra, African-American and Asian-American dance troupes, School Olympics, and more
- Partnerships with Fleet Bank of Boston, New England Medical Center, and Suffolk University; and volunteers from City Year and Junior Achievement
- Curriculum updates for parents so they know what their children are learning
- Bright, modern facility in a complex with two swimming pools, rooftop play decks, two state-of-the-art play structures, gym, auditorium, community center, and health center.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 96% / 92% Math 89% / 89%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 86% / 94% Math 84% / 87%

### Tobin School (K-8)

40 Smith St., Roxbury 02120

Janet Short, Principal

© 617-635-8393

Hours: 9:25-3:25

#### Special features:

- Literacy model: Primary & Intermediate Literacy Collaborative Program (Lesley College)
- Spanish bilingual and monolingual classes for K-5
- Specialists: Librarian, Music, Science, World Language
- Student Support Coordinator; on-site counseling and social services
- The Tobin School Family Support Program, with a Family Center staffed by Parenting Partners
- Arts Theme School, with guest artists and performances, including Urban Improv, an Alvin Ailey Dance Residency, and schoolwide productions
- Partnership with Brigham & Women's Hospital; and works with the Harvard School of Public Health, Mass. College of Art, Gardner Museum, and the Red Sox.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 77% / 84% Math 51% / 53%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 64% / 48% Math 44% / 53%
- % passing Gr. 8 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 73% / 95% Math 54% / 19%

### Warren/Prescott Elementary School

50 School St., Charlestown 02129

Domenic Amara, Principal

© 617-635-8346

Hours: 8:30-2:30

#### Special features:

- Physical education, art, music, and computer specialists
- Computers, multimedia, and printed material to support teaching and learning
- Focus on mathematics
- Student support team
- Professional development programs with MIT and UMass Boston
- Use of the facilities of the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club
- Partnerships with Price Waterhouse Coopers, Ropes & Gray, the Science Museum, and Boston Partners in Education
- Support from the Mentor Counseling Services and Bunker Hill Health Center
- Strong drama program, with four school

plays and other presentations each year

- Many programs to encourage and improve reading

- A new playground.

- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 89% / 75% Math 77% / 82%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 81% / 86% Math 84% / 95%

### Winship Elementary School

54 Dighton St., Brighton 02135

Antônio Barbosa, Principal

© 617-635-8399

Hours: 9:20-3:20

#### Special features:

- Regular education and Spanish bilingual programs for Pre-K (3 year olds) to grade 5
- Uninterrupted reading block from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in kindergarten and grades 1 and 2
- Literature-based reading programs in English and Spanish
- Science and computer instruction in grades K-5
- Music instruction with a multicultural perspective in grades Pre-K to 5
- Title I support services in ESL, reading, native language, and Reading Recovery
- Visiting artist programs in music, dance and art
- Parent Center Book Swap for children and adults
- Nature Sanctuary and playground to bring learning outdoors.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 78% / 82% Math 74% / 79%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 66% / 69% Math 61% / 44%

### Winthrop Elementary School

35 Brookford St., Dorchester 02125

Emily Shamieh, Principal

© 617-635-8379

Hours: 9:25-3:25

#### Special features:

- Partnership with Tufts University to develop proficiency in literacy
- Reading Recovery program to address needs of at-risk students in grade 1
- After-school remediation for at-risk students in grades 3-4
- Upgraded library/media facility
- Computer lab, plus Internet access in many classrooms
- On-site counseling and support available
- Family involvement opportunities, including:





# North Zone Middle Schools

## TEST RESULTS

Following each school's "special features," you will find **1999** and **2000** schoolwide results for the Stanford 9 and Mass. Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) reading and math tests.

**Stanford 9.** "% passing" means the percentage of students who scored at Level 2 (partial mastery), Level 3 (solid performance/ready for next grade) and Level 4 (superior/above grade level). Middle school students take the Stanford 9 reading and math tests in grades 6-8.

**MCAS.** "% passing" means the percentage of students who scored at Level 2 (needs improvement), Level 3 (proficient), and Level 4 (advanced). The MCAS is given in grades 4, 8 and 10.

## Dearborn Middle School

**35 Greenville St., Roxbury 02119**  
**Teresa Soares-Pena, Principal**  
**© 617-635-8412**

**Hours:**  
**Mon.-Thurs.: 7:30-3:20**  
**Friday: 7:30-12:40**

### Special features:

- Project Promise, an extended day program that has won several awards, including the Freedom Foundation George Washington Medal
- Cluster organization: each grade works with a team of teachers committed to the Project Promise philosophy that emphasizes reading, writing, math, and critical thinking skills
- Multimedia library and an Internet-connected computer in each classroom
- Literacy & Learning (LLIFE), Soar to Success, and READ 180
- School and community-based counseling
- Chorus, after school sports, pen pals, mentoring, tutoring, enrichment, multicultural performances, and student support services

- Partnerships and career awareness programs with Federal Reserve Bank, Trammell Crow Company, Harvard University, Boston Partners in Education, and WGBH
- Affiliation with the Center for Collaborative Education "Turning Points" program and the Leadership Development Initiative with Harvard University and Fleet Financial
- Literacy & Math support by staff from 3:30-5:15 p.m.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 72% / 77%    Math 47% / 43%
- % passing Gr. 8 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 46% / 65%    Math 10% / 7%

## Edison Middle School

**60 Glenmont Rd., Brighton 02135**  
**Elliot Stern, Principal**  
**© 617-635-8436      Hours: 7:20-1:30**

### Special features:

- Organization of students in mini-schools with a team of teachers who meet daily to plan together and talk with parents
- Peer Mediation program to train students in conflict resolution
- Small group, intensive instruction in English language arts and math for low scoring students
- Integration of bilingual and special needs students
- Japanese and French language instruction
- Macintosh computer lab
- Partnerships with Boston University and Boston College
- Music, art and physical education classes
- New math curriculum that challenges all students
- Computer education across the curriculum
- Teaching with themes and cooperative learning to encourage students to be critical thinkers and active learners
- 80-minute blocks of teaching time which combine social studies, language arts, math, and science
- Gear Up Program that involves students in academic and exploratory programs to increase exposure to college opportunities.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 82% / 85%    Math 70% / 68%
- % passing Gr. 8 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 65% / 74%    Math 18% / 31%

- Link with Schools of Choice Partnership, which provides a parent outreach worker and a network to develop best practices for family involvement
- 3-4 Family Curriculum Nights per year (with food and childcare)
- Kindergarten Welcome for families in August
- Bi-monthly "Winthrop Words" newsletter
- Telephone and written communication from teachers
- Active School Parents' Council
- Specialists on staff: art, physical education, music (chorus grades 3-5), computer, and science.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 66% / 72%    Math 56% / 59%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 70% / 55%    Math 60% / 48%

*Elementary school students who live in the North Zone can also apply for three citywide K-8 schools: the Hernandez School, Mission Hill School, and Young Achievers Science & Math School. Please see pages 11-12.*



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### Edwards Middle School

28 Walker St., Charlestown 02129

Elaine Koury, Principal

☎ 617-635-8516

Hours: 7:20-1:30

#### Special features:

- Computers and the Internet for research projects
  - Clusters of students by grade, with special needs and bilingual students in all clusters
  - On-site support services provided by university interns, Boston University, Bunker Hill Community Health Center psychologists, Big Sisters program, South End Community Health Center, and Boston Police
  - Active partnerships with Keane Corporation, Citizens Bank, and three schools of education: Boston University, Harvard, and Simmons
  - Theater arts
  - A math & science initiative with Boston Partners in Education, and an annual schoolwide science fair: *Every student does a project*
  - Exploration of career opportunities, with guest speakers and a Career Day
  - "Stay in School" program, with support from McDonald's, the NBA, and Sports Museum.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 83% / 80% Math 51% / 44%
- % passing Gr. 8 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 77% / 65% Math 43% / 28%

### Lyon School (K-8)

50 Beechcroft St., Brighton 02135

Mary Nash, Principal

☎ 617-635-7945

Hours: 9:20-3:20

*The Mary Lyon School is open to students in K2-Grade 8 who live in the North Zone. Please see page 27. However, please consider that current 5th graders are guaranteed a seat through grade 8. Therefore, the school will have fewer than 5 seats available for new assignments to grades 6-8.*

### McKay School (K-8)

122 Cottage St., East Boston 02128

Janie Ortega, Principal

☎ 617-635-8510

Hours: 8:25-2:25

*The Donald McKay School is open to students in K2-grade 8 who live in the North Zone. Please see page 28. However,*

*please consider that current 5th graders are guaranteed a seat through grade 8. Therefore, the school will have fewer than 5 seats available for new assignments to grades 6-8.*

### Quincy Upper School

900 Washington Street, Boston 02111

Bak Fun Wong, Principal

☎ 617-635-1515

Hours:

Mon.-Thurs.: 8:25-4:30

Friday: 8:25-3:25

#### Special features:

- A "pilot" school that will join with the Quincy Elementary School to create the only unified K-12 school in the Boston Public Schools
  - **Guaranteed admission to students currently enrolled in the Quincy Elementary School:** Any remaining seats will be available to students living in the North Zone.
  - A continuation of the mission, culture, and climate of the Quincy Elementary School
  - Mandarin language instruction required for all 6<sup>th</sup> graders
  - Unique organization in four "pavilions": *Information* for science, math, and technology; *Cultural*, developing historical and cultural sensitivities; *Pathfinding*, encouraging individual expression and exploring 21st century issues and encouraging individual expression through art, music, and physical education; and *Renewal*, focusing on mental, physical, and emotional health
  - Family contracts requiring parent involvement, parent education, and student compliance with the Code of Discipline.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 2000:  
Reading 87% Math 79%
- % passing MCAS:  
No Grade 8 in 1999 & 2000.

### Taft Middle School

20 Warren St., Brighton 02135

Irene McCarthy, Principal

☎ 617-635-8428

Hours: 7:20-1:30

#### Special features:

- Organized in clusters of students with teaching teams for personal attention
- Top-notch computer technology and instruction

- Full inclusion of students with disabilities in regular education classrooms
  - Many electives: Art, dance, theater arts, media technology, and physical education
  - Partnerships with the Museum of Science, Citizen Schools, Young Audiences, Voyages in Learning, Harvard School of Education, WGBH/Channel 2, Boston College Kids on Campus, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, the Boston University Consortium, and Boston Police Dept.
  - Saturday morning sports, mentors, tutors, and pen pals through our partnership with Harvard Business School
  - Stay in School program with support from McDonalds and the Boston Celtics
  - Recipient of an Obey Porter grant and a Reading Is Fundamental grant (for the 20th year!)
  - A weekly advisor/advisee program.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 83% / 82% Math 56% / 50%
- % passing Gr. 8 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 73% / 75% Math 20% / 27%

### Tobin School (K-8)

40 Smith St., Roxbury 02120

Janet Short, Principal

☎ 617-635-8393

Hours: 9:25-3:25

*The Maurice Tobin School is open to students in K2-Grade 8 who live in the North Zone. Please see page 29. However, please consider that current 5th graders are guaranteed a seat through grade 8. Therefore, the school will have fewer than 5 seats available for new assignments to grades 6-8.*

### Umana/Barnes Middle School

312 Border St., East Boston 02128

Edward Cook, Principal

☎ 617-635-8481

Hours: 7:20-1:30

#### Special features:

- Organized in clusters of students with teams of five or more teachers
- Many electives: computers, art, home economics, music, foreign languages, theater arts, and physical education
- Readers'/Writers' Workshop literacy program
- Opportunity for students with disabilities to participate in the Special Olympics





- Partnerships with Textron Defense, Shaw's, Wentworth Institute, Northeastern U., Harvard U., UMass Boston, GEAR UP (Higher Education Council), and others
- Water Safety program, available to all students
- Stay in School program, with support from the BPS, McDonald's, the Boston Celtics, Sprite, and the Sports Museum
- Recipient of many grants for special education, math, science, and technology
- School and community-based counseling.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 81% / 77% Math 56% / 64%
- % passing Gr. 8 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 60% / 64% Math 26% / 23%

*Middle school students who live in the North Zone can also apply for five citywide schools: Hernandez (Kindergarten-grade 8), M. L. King Jr. (grades 6-8), Mission Hill School (Kindergarten-grade 8), Timilty (grades 6-8), and Young Achievers (Kindergarten-grade 7). Please see pages 11-12. However, please consider that current 5th graders at the Hernandez, Mission Hill, and Young Achievers are guaranteed a seat through grade 8. Therefore, these schools will have fewer than 5 seats available for new assignments to grades 6-8.*

# West Zone Elementary Schools

## TEST RESULTS

Following each school's "special features," you will find 1999 and 2000 schoolwide results for the Stanford 9 and Mass. Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) reading and math tests.

**Stanford 9.** "% passing" means the percentage of students who scored at Level 2 (partial mastery), Level 3 (solid performance/ready for next grade) and Level 4 (superior/above grade level). In 2000, the Stanford 9 reading and math tests were given in grades 3, 5-9, and 11. In 1999, they were given in those same grades, with one exception: Grade 3 did not take the reading test.

**MCAS.** "% passing" means the percentage of students who scored at Level 2 (needs improvement), Level 3 (proficient), and Level 4 (advanced). The MCAS is given in grades 4, 8 and 10.

## Agassiz Elementary School

20 Child St., Jamaica Plain 02130

Alfredo Nuñez, Principal

© 617-635-8198

Hours: 9:20-3:20

### Special features:

- One of only five schools using the acclaimed Success for All reading program
- Requirement that all student keep a journal
- Multicultural curriculum, with art, music, dance, literature, and guest artists from all over the world
- A unique "outdoor classroom"—the Agassiz Arboleda—and an environmental science program from the Audubon Society
- Two computer labs and schoolwide Internet connections
- Part-time parent liaison.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 78% / 76% Math 53% / 72%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 68% / 47% Math 69% / 40%

## Bates Elementary School

426 Beech Street, Roslindale 02131

Catherine James, Principal

© 617-635-8064

Hours: 9:25-3:25

### Special features:

- Whole Language, Guided Novel Reading, and a home reading program to reinforce the new Citywide Learning Standards
- Early literacy program for Kindergarten-grade 2: ELLI and Reading Recovery
- "Hands-on" approach for math, science, and computer
- Use of creative arts to learn about Boston's many cultures and traditions
- Schoolwide thematic units to unify the curriculum
- School newspaper
- Tutors from Boston Partners in Education
- Parent Center and strong parent involvement
- Partnerships with Lesley College.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 90% / 78% Math 79% / 78%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 71% / 69% Math 56% / 61%

## Beethoven Elementary School

5125 Washington St.,

West Roxbury 02132

James E. Kirk, Principal

© 617-635-8149

Hours: 9:25-3:25

### Special features:

- Specialists in music, art, physical education, and computers
- State-of-the-art computer lab and a schoolwide computer network with access to the Internet
- Large auditorium for music and physical education
- Member of the Accelerated Schools Network, with high expectations for all students
- Major curriculum focus on writing
- Parent Center
- Parent-organized Home Reading Program for grades 1-5
- Partnerships with Boston Community Services, Xerox, Boston College, Arnold Arboretum, and the West Roxbury Civic & Improvement Association
- An overchosen school for many years
- New community playground and schoolyard.



# WEST ZONE SCHOOLS AT A GLANCE

ELEMENTARY AND K-8 SCHOOLS	Location	Enroll- ment	Grades, Reg. Ed. & Bilingual	# Classes Per Grade	Hours in 2001-2002	Bilingual Programs	Before & After School Programs Operating in the School Building		AWC	Uniform Policy
Agassiz	Jamaica Pl.	770	K2-grade 5	4-5	9:20-3:20	Spanish	Before: One available for all students, and Aleria for selected students		Gr. 4-5	Voluntary
Bates	Rosindale	340	K2-grade 5	2-3	9:25-3:25		Before: After to 6 PM, tutoring for "at-risk" students, academics and recreation. \$50/month, \$25 for siblings.			Mandatory
Beethoven	Rosindale	300	K2-grade 5	2	9:25-3:25		Before, from 8 AM, \$40/mo., sliding fee scale			Voluntary
Blue Hl. EEC	Roxbury	200	K0-grade 1	K0-K1: 2 K2, 1-4	7:30-6:00	Multilingual	Free surround care			Voluntary
Conley	Rosindale	220	K1-grade 5	1	8:30-2:30		Before from 8 AM. After to 6 PM run by YMCA, homework + recreation. Fee.			Voluntary
J. Curley	Jamaica Pl.	300	K2-grade 5	2	8:35-2:35		After, to 6 PM: \$65/wk or less, homework, recreation, activities, run by YMCA			Voluntary
Dickerman	Dorchester	260	K2-grade 5	2	9:25-3:25					Mandatory
Ellis	Roxbury	450	K2-grade 5	2	9:20-3:20	Spanish	After, to 5:30 PM, sliding fee scale		Gr. 4-5	Voluntary
Fuller	Jamaica Pl.	250	K2-grade 5	1-2	9:15-3:15		Before + after			Voluntary
Hale	Roxbury	190	K2-grade 5	1-2	8:30-2:30					Mandatory
Haley	Rosindale	330	K2-grade 5	2-3	8:30-2:30		Before + after, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., \$35 per month per program			Mandatory
Hennigan	Jamaica Pl.	610	K2-grade 5	2-8	8:30-2:30	Spanish, Multilingual	Before, from 7 AM, \$12/wk; after, to 6 PM, \$20-\$40/wk; and Aleria for selected students		Gr. 4-5 Eng. + Span.	Voluntary
Higginson	Roxbury	180	K1-grade 5	1	9:25-3:25					Voluntary
J. Kennedy	Jamaica Pl.	490	K2-grade 5	3-4	8:25-2:25	Spanish	Before (K-5); after (gr. 1-4)			Mandatory
Kilmer	W. Roxbury	300	K2-grade 5	2-3	9:15-3:15		Before, 7:20-8:20 \$50/month. After, 2:30-6:00 by YMCA			Voluntary
Lyndon K-8	W. Roxbury	500	K2-grade 8	3	9:25-3:25	Spanish	YMCA After School; after school enrichment			Voluntary
Manning	Jamaica Pl.	160	K2-grade 5	1	9:25-3:25					Mandatory
Mendell	Roxbury	230	K2-grade 5	1-2	9:25-3:25		Before, gr. 4 MCAS prep. After, to 6 PM, all grades, with YMCA; tutoring, gr. 2-4			Mandatory
Mozart	Rosindale	190	K1-grade 5	1-2	8:30-2:30					Voluntary
Ohrenberger	W. Roxbury	650	K2-grade 5	4	8:30-2:30	Spanish	Before, at the Comm. Ctr. sliding scale. After, Parent-run activities and homework, to 6:15 p.m. sliding scale. Reg. Ed. & multihandicapped		Gr. 4-5 Multilingual	None
Philbrick	Rosindale	160	K2-grade 5	1	9:15-3:15					Mandatory
Sumner	Rosindale	560	K2-grade 5	2-4	9:25-3:25	Spanish	After			Mandatory
Trotter	Dorchester	570	K2-grade 5	4	8:30-2:30		After, to 6 PM, provided by YMCA, sliding fee scale; and BELL Foundation tutoring until 5:30 p.m. Also: free tutoring for at-risk 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> graders to 4 PM			None
ELC West	Jamaica Pl.	120	K1-grade 1	2	7:30-6:00		Free surround care			None
MIDDLE SCHOOLS	Location	Enroll- ment	Grades	Hours	Bilingual Programs	After-school Activities		AWC	Uniform Policy	
M. Curley	Jamaica Pl.	720	Grades 6-8	7:25-1:35	Spanish	Activities		Grade 6	Mandatory	
Irving	Rosindale	810	Grades 6-8	7:20-1:30	Spanish, Multiling.	Citizen Schools homework help & enrichment, to 5 PM (scaled fee); AIP homework assistance, counseling services, and remediation, to 5 PM; YMCA conservation program for girls once weekly to 2:45; Girls' field hockey with Northeastern University students.		Grade 6	None	
Lewis	Roxbury	350	Grades 6-8	7:20-1:30		YMCA, 1:30-5:30, intramural sports, step class, girls & boys sports, counseling, tutoring, homework help			Voluntary	
R. G. Shaw	W. Roxbury	430	Grades 6-8	7:20-1:30		Sports, clubs, dance company, Citizen Schools, reading & math help			Voluntary	
Wheatley	Roxbury	330	Grades 6-8	7:20-1:30	Somali	Tutoring, counseling, conflict resolution, enrichment, dance. Enrichment, counseling with Senior Serve.			Mandatory	

# WEST ZONE SCHOOLS AT A GLANCE





- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 86% / 95% Math 87% / 85%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 85% / 70% Math 87% / 78%

## Blue Hill Ave. Early Education Center

263 Blue Hill Ave., Roxbury 02119  
Valerie C. Gumes, Principal  
☎ 617-635-6446 Hours: 7:30-6:00

### Special features:

- Small classes, with one adult for every 10 students
- All-day program for all students, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Children with disabilities included in all classes
- Language support services for students whose first language is not English
- "Looping": teachers and students stay together for two years of seamless learning
- Music and dance programs for all students
- Highly qualified staff
- 20% of seats set aside for children who live in the East and North zones within one mile of the school.
- Full partner with Wheelock College of Education focusing on student achievement
- Parent partnerships in all aspects of the school organization and curriculum
- Full-time librarian who promotes literacy and technology skill building in a spacious library
- Technology-based Waterford Early Reading Program to support our school developed reading system.

## Conley Elementary School

450 Poplar St., Roslindale 02131  
Edna Cason, Principal  
☎ 617-635-8099 Hours: 8:30-2:30

### Special features:

- Safe and nurturing learning environment
- Newly designed schoolyard featuring amphitheater and outdoor science classroom

- Professional Dance Company Artist and Resident
- Art, Music and Physical Education classes
- Computer lab and direct access to the Internet in several classrooms
- Part of the Reading Success Network literacy initiative
- Active School Parent Council
- Training site for student teachers from area colleges and universities
- On-site counseling for students through Family Services of Greater Boston
- Junior Achievement and Boy Scouts of America Learning for Life programs
- Member of the Accelerated Schools Program
- Weekly School Newsletter
- Schoolwide Home Reading Program
- Tutors from Boston Partners in Education
- Newly organized Boys Scout and Girl Scout troop
- Annual Fun Fair and Field Day.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 95% / 93% Math 89% / 88%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 71% / 37% Math 51% / 40%

## J. M. Curley Elementary School

40 Pershing Rd., Jamaica Plain 02130  
Kathleen E. Armstrong, Principal  
☎ 617-635-8239 Hours: 8:35-2:35

### Special features:

- Massachusetts Reading Excellence Grant recipient
- Safe and exciting learning environment
- Literacy focus: model school for Lesley University's Literacy Collaborative (LC) for kindergarten to grade three
- Computers in every class that are connected to the Internet
- Music and art residencies
- Family Literacy program
- Two individual parent-teacher conferences a year
- The Writing Center, a fully equipped computer lab
- Partnerships with many local businesses, agencies, and universities
- Annual Math and Science Night
- Frequent publications, including a weekly bulletin, monthly calendar, classroom newsletters, and a bimonthly magazine
- Art and physical education
- On site counseling through SCCAT

- Active parent-teacher committees and programs
- Strong professional development programs in literacy and math for staff.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 81% / 89% Math 76% / 77%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 68% / 75% Math 46% / 57%

## Dickerman Elementary School

206 Magnolia St., Dorchester 02121  
Jessica Bolt, Principal  
☎ 617-635-8253 Hours: 9:25-3:25

### Special features:

- The Success For All literacy program
- Junior Achievement Program
- Commitment to family involvement: We believe parents are a valuable resource, and encourage them to visit the classroom or help the teacher
- Art, computers, and librarian for all classes
- Math enrichment class once a week for all classes in grades 1-5
- Words of Success to begin each day, and has quarterly awards assemblies to build self-esteem
- 11-year-old partnership with Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency that provides mentors for our students in grades 3-5
- State of the art computer lab and a schoolwide computer network with access to the Internet
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 87% / 80% Math 64% / 67%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 42% / 58% Math 14% / 43%

## Ellis Elementary School

302 Walnut Ave., Roxbury 02119  
Carlos R. Gibb, Principal  
☎ 617-635-8257 Hours: 9:20-3:20

### Special features:

- Spanish for English-speaking students
- Two excellent literacy programs: the Literacy Collaborative for K-2 and Literacy & Learning (LLIFE) for grades 3-5
- Individual, group, and family counseling and social services through Boston Excels
- Family literacy program with ESL and Understanding Children's Math classes



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- Active library program, with storytelling, Internet lessons, and research projects
- Drama, art and chorus
- Team teaching and grade-level teams of teachers to create interdisciplinary approaches to teaching
- Family outreach with a bilingual "Parents Matter" team of Boston Excels and Annenberg parent liaisons and other parents and relatives.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 85% / 73% Math 65% / 52%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 47% / 61% Math 39% / 40%

### Fuller Elementary School

25 Glen Rd., Jamaica Plain 02130

Suzanne Federspiel, Principal

© 617-635-8221

Hours: 9:15-3:15

#### Special features:

- Innovative schoolwide math program
- Outstanding literacy programs: The Literacy Collaborative from Lesley College, and Reading Recovery for first

- graders who need extra help
- Macintosh computer lab, a telecommunications room, computers in every room, and Internet connections
- Computer Curriculum Corp. computer assisted instruction, recommended for special education, limited English proficient, and talented and gifted students
- New library/media center
- Audubon Nature Center Science program for grades 3 and 4
- Boston Ballet's CityDance education program
- Counseling services from New England Home for Little Wanderers
- New schoolyard with outdoor classroom
- Affiliation with the Brookside Family Life Center and Dental Program
- Annual Octoberfest, Fun Fair and Field Day
- Strong parent involvement, especially the Read Aloud and Weekly Reading Contract programs.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:

Reading 96% / 85% Math 92% / 83%  
➤ % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 86% / 86% Math 53% / 68%

### Hale Elementary School

51 Cedar St., Roxbury 02119

Sandra Mitchell-Woods, Principal

© 617-635-8205

Hours: 8:30-2:30

#### Special features:

- MONDO Balanced Early Literacy (BEL) literacy program
- State-of-the-art computer/media center, computers in classrooms, and Internet connection
- Reading Recovery for first graders
- Universal Free Breakfast program
- The only school in Boston selected by Arnold Arboretum to be a pilot project site
- Featured on Boston's award-winning National Fire Safety video/CD
- Parent Center, Grandparent Support Group and Family Literacy Program
- Partnerships with Citizens Bank, City Year, Cruz Construction, Walgreen's,

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- Boston Ballet, Boston Nature Center, Arnold Arboretum, Omega Phi, Northeastern University, Harvard University and Wheelock College
- Recently modernized building, and winner of 5 Boston Schoolyard Initiative grants.
  - % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000: Reading 94% / 80% Math 59% / 79%
  - % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000: Reading 33% / 26% Math 22% / 13%

### **Haley Elementary School**

**570 American Legion Hwy.  
Roslindale 02131**

**Jean L. Dorcus, Principal**  
© 617-635-8169 Hours: 8:30-2:30

#### *Special features:*

- Focus on literacy through the Literacy Collaborative and Reading Recovery programs, ensuring success for all students
- Specialists in science, technology, music and physical education
- After school tutorial and instrumental music program
- Pilot school for the federally funded Peace Zone Program to foster social growth
- Adjacent to the new Mass Audubon Boston Nature Center
- Ongoing Garden/Wetland Project supporting interdisciplinary instruction
- Partnerships with New Balance (arts and literacy support), Forest Hills Cemetery (field trips to complement arts and science education) and the Mass. Audubon Society (science education through an assigned Teacher Naturalist for grades 2/3) to enhance our technology and science programs
- Free breakfast for all through the Universal Breakfast program.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000: Reading 58% / 89% Math 66% / 75%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000: Reading 55% / 50% Math 43% / 36%

### **Hennigan Elementary School**

**200 Heath St., Jamaica Plain 02130**  
**Eleanor Kears-Perry, Principal**  
© 617-635-8264 Hours: 8:30-2:30

#### *Special features:*

- The "Technology School of the Future," with two computer labs plus a special lab for Project Headlight
- ESL Immersion, and the Developing/Supporting literacy program, Reading Recovery
- Up-to-date library with state-of-the-art computers with CD-ROM encyclopedia
- Many extracurricular activities: dance, theatre, vocal music, New England SCORES soccer program, swimming (our swim team is a citywide champion!), and the arts
- Partnerships with Lucent Technologies, Lesley, Simmons and Wheelock colleges, and Northeastern University; and works with Athletes In Service
- Health and counseling services.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000: Reading 88% / 83% Math 76% / 82%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000: Reading 57% / 68% Math 54% / 60%

### **Higginson Elementary School**

**160 Harrishof Street, Roxbury 02119**  
**Margaret Adams, Principal**  
© 617-635-8247 Hours: 9:25-3:25

#### *Special features:*

- Curriculum revolving around literacy and technology
- Effective teaching: Teachers work in teams to plan and share ideas that work
- Modern computer lab and computers in most classrooms
- Focus on literacy, using a wide variety of methods and activities to help students learn to read and write in all subject areas
- Literacy specialist to help primary grade students who have difficulties in reading
- Commitment to family involvement: we encourage parents to be involved as classroom volunteers and school decision makers, and at home with our Home-School Reading Program.
- Specialists in computer, music, and physical education, promoting interdisciplinary approaches to teaching
- Partnerships for literacy and student support, including Urban Edge,

Wheelock College, and Mass. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

- Family coordinator to help families become involved in school activities.

- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000: Reading 100% / 70% Math 78% / 48%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000: Reading 30% / 45% Math 0% / 24%

### **J. F. Kennedy Elementary School**

**7 Bolster St., Jamaica Plain 02130**  
**James Karloutsos, Principal**  
© 617-635-8127 Hours: 8:25-2:25

#### *Special features:*

- Teacher specialization in grade 5
- Emphasis on basic skills and pride in our caring and nurturing environment
- Full-time specialists in science, music, physical education, and computer
- Individual and small-group counseling through the Home for Little Wanderers, and group discussions through Martha Eliot Health Center
- Voices of Love and Freedom early literacy program
- Fully equipped computer lab, plus computers in all classrooms
- 90-minute blocks of small group reading instruction in grades 1-5
- Strong character education
- English as a Second Language (ESL) classes for parents
- Cheerleaders, recorder instruction, school monitors (grades 4-5), a school newspaper, and monthly motivational assemblies.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000: Reading 70% / 83% Math 70% / 81%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000: Reading 73% / 71% Math 56% / 42%

### **Kilmer Elementary School**

**35 Baker St., West Roxbury 02132**  
**Thomas E. Byrne Jr., Principal**  
© 617-635-8060 Hours: 9:15-3:15

#### *Special features:*

- Traditional, small, nurturing school
- Writing-to-Read and Reading Recovery to build strong beginning reading skills
- An average of one teacher for 8 students in the grade 1 reading program
- New computer lab with Internet access, where students learn word processing and other technology skills
- Scores above the national average in reading and math



- Active, supportive parent council
- Talented And Gifted (TAG) program in the computer lab for grades 2-5, tutorial program, and library program
- "Hands on" math and science instruction
- Varied literacy programs for students and parents
- Member of the nationally recognized Accelerated Schools Program
- Training site for student teachers from Boston College, Lesley College, and UMass Boston
- School chorus led by parent volunteers
- Well maintained and landscaped facility.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 93% / 95% Math 94% / 97%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 84% / 85% Math 76% / 82%

## Lyndon School (K-8)

**140 Russett Rd., West Roxbury 02132**  
**Upper School Annex: 7 VFW Parkway**  
**Kate Johnson and Maureen Roach,**  
**Lead Teachers**  
**Sherry Brooks-Roberts, Site Facilitator**  
**© 617-635-6824 Hours, K-3: 9:25-3:25**  
**Annex, gr. 4-8:**  
**9:15-3:15**

### *Special features:*

- A "pilot school," free of many Boston Public Schools and Boston Teachers Union rules and regulations
- Innovative team management structure, with no principal
- Governed by the School Site Council, which sets school policy and hires and evaluates school staff
- "Looping": teachers and their classes stay together for two years
- Emphasis on thematic learning, team teaching, and team building
- Technology lab and computers in every classroom
- Responsive Classroom as a Social Curriculum
- Student expectations in Literacy and Mathematics are published and available for all grades
- Special subjects include: art, computer, music, science, and Spanish
- All teachers engage in ongoing professional development to inform their practice.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 95% / 88% Math 82% / 84%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 76% / 66% Math 65% / 67%

- % passing Gr. 8 MCAS:  
No Grade 8 in 1999 & 2000.

## Manning Elementary School

**130 Louders Lane, Jamaica Plain 02130**  
**Casel E. Walker, Principal**  
**© 617-635-8102 Hours: 9:25-3:25**

### *Special features:*

- Birthday Book program which brings over 200 new books to our library each year
- Excellent science program and Science Center
- Partners with Faulkner Hospital, which provides a health education program for students and families
- Chess Club, Science Club, and a Literary Group, open to all students.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 78% / 84% Math 59% / 79%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 57% / 45% Math 68% / 36%

## Mendell Elementary School

**164 School St., Roxbury 02119**  
**Mirna Vega Wilson, Principal**  
**© 617-635-8234 Hours: 9:25-3:25**

### *Special features:*

- Two computer labs
- Winner of three School Improvement Awards
- First Steps literacy program
- Cooperative learning and exciting "hands-on" materials to teach math
- has partnerships with Emmanuel and Simmons colleges, Brookside Family Center, SCCAT Corporation, Family Services of Boston, and the Egleston YMCA that provide mentors for the after school program, health services, counseling, and after school programming
- Half-time ESL teacher
- Family involvement: we encourage parents to observe classes and volunteer at any time.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 93% / 89% Math 92% / 84%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 82% / 56% Math 84% / 43%

## Mozart Elementary School

**236 Beech St., Roslindale 02131**  
**Albert Taylor Jr., Principal**  
**© 617-635-8082 Hours: 8:30-2:30**

### *Special features:*

- Instructional Focus on Literacy and Math
- Use of computers in every classroom
- Literacy Specialist on staff
- Specialists on staff music, science, art and librarian
- Partnerships with The Home for Little Wanderers (provides counseling services) and The Greater Boston Jewish Coalition for Literacy (provides tutoring services)
- Grants from private and public sources
- Strong parental involvement
- Safe, nurturing, respectful learning environment for all students
- School-based library staffed by librarian.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 78% / 98% Math 67% / 87%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 95% / 96% Math 70% / 87%

## Ohrenberger Elementary School

**175 West Boundary Rd.,**  
**West Roxbury 02132**  
**Carol A. Geyer, Principal**  
**© 617-635-8157 Hours: 8:30-2:30**

### *Special features:*

- Exceeded expectations in the 1999-2000 In-Depth Review city evaluation
- Affiliation with the Literacy Collaborative at Lesley College
- Outstanding reading programs, and journal writing by every student and teacher
- Math coach to help teachers implement new math initiatives
- Computer lab and many computers in classrooms, all with Internet access
- Spanish lessons in Kindergarten-grade 5
- Art taught through math and literature
- Volunteer programs with the Home for Little Wanderers; and multicultural partnerships with Showa Japanese University, Boston Partners in Education, and Jewish Vocational Services
- Partnerships for student teachers with Boston College, Stonehill, Simmons and Curry colleges
- Grants: Very Special Arts, Bring Back the Music for instrumental music, and state grant for literacy





- Inclusion of students with disabilities in regular classrooms
- Tennis, soccer, baseball, and basketball
- Full sized gymnasium, with a new playground and a soccer field.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 81% / 86% Math 85% / 79%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 80% / 64% Math 63% / 65%

## Philbrick Elementary School

40 Philbrick St., Roslindale 02131

Stanley Swartz, Principal

© 617-635-8069

Hours: 9:15-3:15

### Special features:

- Small school with a strong feeling of community
- Pride in its excellent staff, with a wide range of talents and teaching styles, that works closely together to meet each child's educational needs
- Focus on building reading and writing skills through the nationally acclaimed Success for All literacy program from Johns Hopkins University
- In school year 1998-99, ranked by Boston Children First as the top elementary school in the West Zone and second in the Boston Public Schools
- One of 3 elementary schools to receive 2 School Improvement Awards in 1999-2000
- Listed in the Digital City web site as one of the top 5 Boston public schools
- Computers in every classroom and is wired for the Internet
- Partnerships with Boston Music Education Collaborative, McDonald's, Home for Little Wanderers, and Boston College
- Strong support from parent and community volunteers as well as volunteer tutors from ReadBoston and Temple Aliyah in Needham
- Recipient of three consecutive School Improvement Awards for student achievement.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 100% / 95% Math 95% / 100%

- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 95% / 76% Math 69% / 71%

## Sumner Elementary School

15 Basile Street, Roslindale 02131

Lourdes Santiago, Principal

© 617-635-8131

Hours: 9:25-3:25

### Special features:

- Strong focus on literacy and math
- Culture of hard work, high expectations and personal pride
- Balanced literacy program supported by Lesley College
- Intensive after-school tutoring for third grade students who need extra support
- Reading Recovery in English and Spanish for at-risk first grade students
- Interconnected math units and projects to support year-long math learning
- "Looping" in several classes: teachers stay with the same group of students for two years
- Science, art, music, library, physical education and computers for all students, taught by specialists
- Innovative music classes using keyboards provided by Berklee College and computers
- State-of-the-art Macintosh computer lab
- Individual and group counseling through the Judge Baker Children's Center and other agencies
- ESL and Spanish literacy classes for parents
- Active Instructional Leadership Team and School Site Council
- Inclusion of special education and regular education students in the same classes
- Full time school nurse
- New schoolyard completed fall of 2000.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 82% / 81% Math 80% / 72%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 60% / 54% Math 45% / 42%

## Trotter Elementary School

135 Humboldt Ave., Dorchester 02121

Joseph Shea, Principal

© 617-635-8225

Hours: 8:30-2:30

### Special features:

- Options of single grade classes, multi-grade classes and "looping" classes, where students can stay two years with the same teacher

- Support for beginning readers through the Literacy Collaborative and Reading Recovery
- State-of-the-art computer learning systems
- The Writer's Workshop: all students keep writing folders and publish several final products each year
- Interconnected math units and projects to encourage deep understanding of math concepts
- Part of the Boston Music Education Collaborative, Boston Ballet, and Very Special Arts
- Renowned chorus
- Full-time art, science, geography, computer, physical education, and music teachers
- Well stocked library and full-time librarian
- Enrichment classes in grades 3-5
- Summer reading programs
- Links with Tufts, Wheelock, Lesley, and Harvard education professors and interns
- Family counseling on-site with Children's & Family Services
- Active family participation and School Parent Council
- Full-time nurse
- Beautiful gym and new schoolyard.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 81% / 75% Math 74% / 58%
- % passing Gr. 4 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 64% / 69% Math 43% / 50%

## West Zone Early Learning Center

Housed in the Hennigan School

200 Heath Street, Jamaica Plain 02130

Eunice Da Silva Fernandes, Principal

© 617-635-8275

Hours: 7:30-6:00

### Special features:

- A small-school atmosphere with large-school facilities
- Reading Recovery program for first graders, Literacy Collaborative model used schoolwide
- Specialty subjects: Art, Music, Science, Dance, Computer Technology
- Computers in every classroom connected to the Internet
- All classes taught by early childhood specialists
- High teacher/pupil ratio and curriculum geared to the unique learning needs of young children
- An inclusive program: bilingual and



special education students are integrated in all classes

- Collaboration with Community Music Center, MJT Dance Co., Children's Museum, and the Gardner Museum
- Health services with full-time family nurse practitioner, community and university affiliations
- Parent liaison and community field coordinator.

*Elementary school students who live in the West Zone can also apply for three citywide K-8 schools: the Hernandez School, Mission Hill School, and Young Achievers Science & Math School. Please see pages 11-12.*

# West Zone Middle Schools

## TEST RESULTS

Following each school's "special features," you will find 1999 and 2000 schoolwide results for the Stanford 9 and Mass. Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) reading and math tests.

**Stanford 9.** "% passing" means the percentage of students who scored at Level 2 (partial mastery), Level 3 (solid performance/ready for next grade) and Level 4 (superior/above grade level). Middle school students take the Stanford 9 reading and math tests in grades 6-8.

**MCAS.** "% passing" means the percentage of students who scored at Level 2 (needs improvement), Level 3 (proficient), and Level 4 (advanced). The MCAS is given in grades 4, 8 and 10.

### Mary Curley Middle School

493 Centre St., Jamaica Plain 02130  
Miguel Prieto, Principal  
© 617-635-8176 Hours: 7:25-1:35

#### Special features:

- Divided into three academies, each directed by a coordinator who speaks

English and Spanish. Each academy is divided into small teams of students and teachers.

- Small classes of about 22 students and one teacher
- Specialists in Spanish, French, visual and performing arts, health/physical education, and others
- Drop Everything And Read for 30 minutes every day
- Gear Up after-school program to 4 PM with tutoring, community service, homework help, and activities.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 73% / 71% Math 34% / 37%
- % passing Gr. 8 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 57% / 61% Math 15% / 9%

### Irving Middle School

105 Cummins Hwy., Roslindale 02131  
Richard Maloney, Principal  
© 617-635-8072 Hours: 7:20-1:30

#### Special features:

- Organized into clusters of five classes and six teachers, so teachers work as a team, know their students, and are better able to craft effective programs for them
- Reading and math specialists resident in Grade 6 for additional instruction where needed
- Math instruction in 90 minute periods for most students in all grades
- Weekly academic department meetings
- Cluster meetings every Friday when teachers can plan together and meet with parents
- Parents encouraged to be a part of the team and to attend cluster meetings.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 84% / 85% Math 54% / 58%
- % passing Gr. 8 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 76% / 66% Math 33% / 24%

### Lewis Middle School

131 Walnut Ave., Roxbury 02119  
Brenda Jones, Principal  
© 617-635-8137 Hours: 7:20-1:30

#### Special features:

- Multi-level, across-subject approach to learning, with a focus on literacy and math and a schoolwide reading program, with extended time in reading and math
- Choral program with performances for ambassadors, national conferences, the

Mayor, judges, and professional organizations

- Master classes with the Alvin Ailey Dance Troupe
- IBM computer lab with Internet access
- Winner of Middle MAST grants for math, science, and technology for the past 5 years, including on-line weather station and a \$10,000 award
- Partnerships, programs, and activities with Northeastern University, UMass Boston, Boston University, Arts in Progress, MassPEP pre-engineering program, Boston Conservatory, and Huntington Theater
- Recipient of a Steppingstone Foundation Award
- Parent Center, a full time parent coordinator, and classes for parents in math and reading
- Kids to College program with Boston University
- On-site counseling for students and families with Dimock and Martha Eliot health centers
- Newly renovated and beautifully landscaped facility.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 72% / 79% Math 35% / 40%
- % passing Gr. 8 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 59% / 63% Math 8% / 17%

### Lyndon School (K-8)

140 Russett Rd., West Roxbury 02132  
Upper School Annex: 7 VFW Parkway  
© 617-635-6336 Hours: 9:15-3:15

*The Patrick Lyndon School is open to students in K2-grade 8 who live in the West Zone. Please see page 37. However, please consider that current 5th graders are guaranteed a seat through grade 8. Therefore, the school will have fewer than 5 seats available for new assignments to grades 6-8.*

### R. G. Shaw Middle School

20 Mt. Vernon St., West Roxbury 02132  
Shirley Allen, Principal  
© 617-635-8050 Hours: 7:20-1:30

#### Special features:

- Two computer labs and a library media center with Internet access
- Exciting, technology-based curriculum, with Internet access in all classrooms
- Spanish, art, dance, theater arts, computer and physical education classes





- Partnership with the Faulkner Hospital for guest speakers, innovative course offerings, health fairs, contests, and more
- School-to-Career program
- Inclusion of students with disabilities in regular education classes
- Part of Math Power, using innovative methods to teach math
- The Thompson Island Outward Bound Initiative to build teamwork and self-esteem
- Collaboration with Roxbury Comprehensive Health Services
- Preparation for the admission test to Boston's examination schools
- Recently renovated and upgraded for new technology.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 82% / 86%    Math 50% / 62%
- % passing Gr. 8 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 76% / 78%    Math 25% / 31%

### Wheatley Middle School

20 Kearsarge Ave., Roxbury 02119

James E. Watson, Principal

© 617-635-8165

Hours: 7:20-1:30

#### Special features:

- Students clustered by grade, with each grade in a separate team area
- Small middle school building with a capacity of nearly 330 students
- Read 180 Lab to help students improve reading skills
- Computer Lab and a Library Media Center with Internet access
- 21st Century Community Learning Center which provides after school programs
- Excellent student and staff attendance
- Partnership with Boston Medical Center that provides career education, counseling, mentoring, and academic support
- Related Arts Program which includes art, music, computers, health and physical education and foreign language
- An elegant main foyer with polished

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marble, stunning hand painted murals, and Ionic columns supporting a hand-carved ceiling.

- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 75% / 77%    Math 36% / 43%
- % passing Gr. 8 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 53% / 67%    Math 9% / 17%

*Middle school students who live in the West Zone can also apply for five citywide schools: Hernandez (Kindergarten-grade 8), M. L. King Jr. (grades 6-8), Mission Hill School (Kindergarten-grade 8), Timilty (grades 6-8), and Young Achievers (Kindergarten-grade 7). Please see pages 11-12. However, please consider that current 5th graders at the Hernandez, Mission Hill, and Young Achievers are guaranteed a seat through grade 8. Therefore, these schools will have fewer than 5 seats available for new assignments to grades 6-8.*

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### TEST RESULTS

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**MCAS.** "% passing" means the percentage of students who scored at Level 2 (needs improvement), Level 3 (proficient), and Level 4 (advanced). The MCAS is given in grades 4, 8 and 10.

### Boston High School

152 Arlington St., Boston 02116

Nicole Bahnam, Headmaster

© 617-635-8937

Hours: 7:25-1:45

#### Special features:

- School divided into three Small Learning Communities and a School-to-Career major emphasizing strong academics, career exploration, and connections between school and real world of work
- Award from the Mass. Dept. of Education to plan and implement the School-to-Career major within the new school structure
- Classes in drama, chorus, visual arts, and dance
- Partnerships with Mass. General Hospital, Dana Farber Institute, Fidelity Investments, Federal Reserve Bank, School of the Museum of Fine Arts and universities
- Full services for multilingual program
- Adopt a Class, a mentoring program with our business partner, Fidelity Investments
- Dual enrollment opportunities for college credit courses
- Student support services, including guidance counselors, a school-based health center in partnership with New England Medical Center, peer mediation, financial aid assistance, and ACCESS scholarships funds
- The COACH Program—College Opportunity And Career Help—offered through Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government to help seniors understand their options for higher education and careers to achieve their personal goals
- Award-winning newspaper
- Cooperative athletics program with Snowden International High School and Brighton High School.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 50% / 56%    Math 16% / 30%
- % passing Gr. 10 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 22% / 30%    Math 9% / 21%



## Brighton High School

25 Warren St., Brighton 02135

Charles Skidmore, Headmaster

☎ 617-635-9873

Hours: 7:25-1:45

### Special features:

- A School-to-Career school featuring four career pathways: the School of Health Professionals; the School of Business Services and Technology; the School of Media Arts and Communication; the School of Law, Government and Public Service; and a Grade 9 Academy
- Modern, beautifully renovated, 7,500 square foot library media center with 24 networked multimedia computers providing state-of-the-art research technology for students throughout the building
- College and Career Center to help students find information about colleges, scholarships, and career training
- Partnerships with several businesses and colleges, such as Boston University, Boston College, and WGBH, who provide after school and weekend support for students and professional development for staff
- Advanced Placement courses in chemistry, English, U. S. History, and calculus
- Inclusion classes for students with disabilities
- Dual language program for increased fluency training in Spanish
- Classes in drama, dance, and the arts, with artists in residence
- Award winning Army JROTC program
- After school sports, clubs, and community service opportunities
- Winner of several grants, including five-year Character Education Program.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000: Reading 61% / 61% Math 19% / 40%
- % passing Gr. 10 MCAS in 1999 & 2000: Reading 41% / 32% Math 10% / 12%

## Jeremiah E. Burke High School

60 Washington St., Dorchester 02121

Steven Leonard, Headmaster

☎ 617-635-9837

Hours: 7:30-1:55

### Special features:

- Rigorous academic program, AP classes—Calculus, Physics, English Literature, US History; dance, music, visual arts, Marine JROTC

- Technology magnet: IBM, Macintosh labs, computers in every classroom, Library/Media Center
- School-to-Career Pathway—Information Technology, CISCO Networking, Webpage Design, Journalism, MultiMedia
- Full service Cape Verdean bilingual program, guidance services
- Student support services: guidance, comprehensive health center, counseling, adolescent parenting, College and Career Center, financial aid assistance, and ACCESS scholarships
- Academic enrichment: Burke Works after-school tutoring, enrichment, credited courses; SAT test preparation
- Active partnerships with: New England Financial, which supports programming, student achievement, School Site Council; UMass Boston, providing Urban Scholars and Admission Guaranteed Program; Stop & Shop; and Boston Private Industry Council
- Competitive sports teams, cheerleading, and step squad.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000: Reading 62% / 61% Math 27% / 39%
- % passing Gr. 10 MCAS in 1999 & 2000: Reading 28% / 37% Math 14% / 22%

## Charlestown High School

240 Medford St., Charlestown 02129

Michael Fung, Headmaster

☎ 617-635-9914

Hours: 7:20-1:40

### Special features:

- Divided into a Lower School of small, independent learning communities, with emphasis on providing students with a supportive environment and encouraging innovations among teachers and staff; and an Upper School of career pathways in communications technology, finance & economics, law & justice, conference & event planning, and advertisement, desktop & web page publishing
- Flexible schedule to enhance learning and improve student achievement
- Enrichment programs such as Harvard University's Project IF, MassPEP pre-engineering, dual enrollment at Bunker Hill Community College, Upward Bound at Simmons College, and intern/mentoring programs at Liberty Mutual and Bain & Co.

- Variety of electives, including computer programming and networking, computer-assisted design and drafting, JROTC, ProTech, finance and economics, dance, and art
- Chinese and Spanish bilingual programs that are recognized by the State Dept. of Education for achieving exceptional results in preparing students for college
- Outstanding math and science programs: CHS students are winners in the Boston Public Schools and Mass. state science fairs
- Exemplary curriculum for special needs students, including the STRIVE work release program.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000: Reading 60% / 72% Math 38% / 39%
- % passing Gr. 10 MCAS in 1999 & 2000: Reading 28% / 16% Math 9% / 20%

## Dorchester High School

9 Peacevale Rd., Dorchester 02124

Robert N. Belle, Headmaster

John Leonard, Chief Academic Officer

☎ 617-635-8904

Hours: 7:25-1:45

### Special features:

- Comprehensive high school curriculum, bilingual programs in Spanish and Haitian Creole, plus special education
- Innovative 9th grade program, clustered classes, Boys Town FAME reading curriculum, literacy coaches, in-school and after-school tutoring
- School-To-Career programs: Academy of Public Service, Economics/Business Academy, Engineering/Technology Academy, and Accelerated Academy
- Advanced Placement in Biology, English Literature, Calculus, and C++ Programming
- Fully accredited with New England Association of Schools and Colleges
- Partnerships with Treffer Foundation, Verizon, and UMass Boston offering support for student and staff development
- On-site student health care with Codman Square Health Center
- Extensive building improvements: Internet access throughout, six computer labs, new library/media center, six new science labs, and new Parent Center.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000: Reading 54% / 57% Math 20% / 40%



HIGH SCHOOLS (HS)	Special Application	Enrollment	Description	Bilingual Programs	Schoolday Highlights	After-school Programs & Activities
Another Course to College (ACC)	Yes	90	Grades 11-12 only		College prep curriculum	
Boston Adult Tech Acad.	Yes	180	Students ages 20-22, open 2:30-8:30 PM	ESL	Full academic program	
Boston Arts Academy	Yes	380	Pilot school, visual /performing arts		Full academic college prep curriculum and training in the arts	
Boston Evening Academy	Yes	140	Horace Mann charter school, open 4:30-8:30 PM			Sports (with Snowden and Brighton): math, science, tutoring, test prep, internships
Boston HS	No	620		Multilingual	Full academic program with school-to-career majors	Sports, clubs, service & cultural organizations, music, drama
Boston Latin Academy	Yes	1,620	Exam school, grades 7-12		College prep curriculum; many honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses	Sports, clubs, service & cultural organizations
Boston Latin School	Yes	2,300	Exam school, grades 7-12		Honors & AP courses in 17 subjects; college preparatory curriculum	Sports, clubs, service & cultural organizations, "Burke Works" tutoring, SAT prep, chess cheerleading, sports, computer club
Brighton HS	No	1,150		Spanish	4 AP courses; School-to-Career; chemistry, calculus, JROTC	Sports, clubs, community service, cultural organizations, tutoring
Burke HS	No	760		Cape Verdean	Small Learning Communities; 4 AP courses; technology career pathway; journalism, arts, dance, music; JROTC	Sports
Charlestown HS	No	1,250		Chinese, Spanish	Outstanding math & science; technology, economics, finance, JROTC, ProTech, arts; spec. ed., STRIVE program	Sports, tutoring, enrichment, many clubs, community service, internships
Dorchester HS	No	920		Haitian, Spanish	Intensive 9 <sup>th</sup> grade program; School-to-Career, AP courses, art, music, choir, dance, JROTC, dual college enrollment	Sports, Mock Trial, College & Career Center, test prep, literacy & math, Family Center
East Boston	No	1,350		Spanish	5 school-to-career pathways, AP classes, Honors Challenge, TV production, art major, JROTC	Full sports program, Mock Trial team, student magazine, tutoring
English HS	No	1,300		Span., Somali, Multilingual	Physics, calculus, chemistry, 2 AP courses, Virtual High School, world language, JROTC, MassPEP, ProTech	Intramural sports, art, pre-engineering, SAT prep, Latin and hip hop dance
Fenway HS	Yes	270	Pilot school		School-to-career, internships, integrated humanities & math curriculums, Facing History & Ourselves, student advising	Sports, recreation, GED Classes sponsored by ESAC, Family Technology Program
Greater Eggleston HS	Yes	90	Pilot school, ungraded		Interdisciplinary, project-based curriculum, internships, community college courses	Health career internships, leadership activities, clubs, cultural exploration, tutoring, Mock Trial
Health Careers Academy	Yes	180	Horace Mann charter school		Rigorous academic curriculum integrating health & health careers; faculty/student advising; independent reading program	Academic enrichment, SAT prep, honor societies, student govt, clubs, sports activities
Hyde Park HS	No	1,150		Haitian	Full academic program, technology courses & labs, media center, banking & finance, French, Spanish, JROTC	Sports, peer tutoring, clubs, student leadership, job placement, internships, College & Career
Madison Park Tech./Voc. HS	No	1,620	Technical & vocational; vocal & instrum. music	Span., Cape Verd., Hait., Port., Viet	Full academic program plus training in 27 technical/vocational specialties & music; college enrollment program; JROTC	
New Mission HS	Yes	210	Pilot school		College prep curriculum: humanities, science, math and arts taught through projects & inquiry; college courses	
O'Bryant School of Math & Science	Yes	1,300	Exam school, grades 7-12		College prep curriculum, emphasis on math and science, JROTC	Sports, tutoring in all subjects, science & math program at Northeastern University
Snowden International HS	No	400	International studies		College prep curriculum; world language requirement; theater, art, film, internships, college courses	Sports, student govt., Model United Nations
South Boston HS	No	1,100		Vietnamese	Four small learning communities; school-to-career, JROTC	Sports
West Roxbury HS	No	1,300		Haitian	AP Spanish; physics, trigonometry, calculus, chemistry; Greek, French, agribusiness, Media & Communications; JROTC	Sports, clubs



- % passing Gr. 10 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 12% / 19% Math 4% / 11%

## East Boston High School

86 White Street, East Boston 02128

John Poto, Headmaster

☎ 617-635-9896 Hours 7:20-1:40

### Special features:

- College preparatory courses: Advanced Placement Chemistry and US History; calculus, physics, MOUS and Web Design
- Extended time in literacy and math for all freshmen and sophomores
- Eleven small learning communities including five School to Career (STC) pathways (Travel and Tourism, Entrepreneurship, TeachBoston, Health Professions and JROTC) and two award winning alternative programs (Success Academy and FACTS)
- Business/community/college partnerships: Massport scholarships and jobs, Babson/Entrepreneurship, UMass Boston and Harvard interns; business mentors; three job specialists (PIC) and Higher Education personnel
- Family Center staffed full-time by two parents and volunteers
- Every classroom with a minimum of five computers with Internet access
- Twenty-six million dollar construction project completed in August, 2000 including library-media center, athletic center and science laboratories
- School-based health center
- Championship athletic programs include state and city awards
- Over one million dollars are awarded in scholarships.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 60% / 66% Math 21% / 31%
- % passing Gr. 10 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 45% / 33% Math 9% / 18%

## The English High School

144 McBride St., Jamaica Plain 02130

Jose Duarte, Headmaster

☎ 617-635-8979 Hours: 7:25-1:45

### Special features:

- The oldest public high school in the country, founded in 1821
- High rate of college admissions: we sent 75% of our 1999 graduates to post-secondary schools

- Physics, chemistry, calculus, 2 Advanced Placement courses, Virtual High School courses, SAT prep, foreign languages, and JROTC
- One computer for every nine students, and schoolwide Internet access
- Small, supportive clusters for grades 9 and 10 and all bilingual students
- Diverse student support programs, including mentoring program with YMCA and award winning mediation program
- Family center and extensive community and parent involvement
- Partnership with John Hancock, State Street, and Brigham & Women's Hospital
- Extensive extracurricular programs, including nationally recognized Mock Trial Team, award winning student magazine, and full athletic program for male and female students
- Collaboration with Upward Bound programs at Boston University, Simmons College and Roxbury Community College
- College and Career Center to assist graduates with education and job placement
- MassPEP pre-engineering, ProTech medical and financial training, career training through the My Turn program, Teen Empowerment, and summer jobs options
- Schoolwide focus on writing
- Modern, wheelchair-accessible facility, with a refurbished library/media center.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 51% / 57% Math 18% / 28%
- % passing Gr. 10 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 19% / 20% Math 6% / 14%

## Hyde Park High School

655 Metropolitan Ave., Hyde Park 02136

Linda Cabral, Headmaster

☎ 617-635-8948 Hours: 7:20-1:40

### Special features:

- Exceptional facility, totally renovated in 1998-2000 at a cost of \$30 million
- Common planning periods to support teaching and learning
- School wide focus on literacy and math
- An array of academic courses in the sciences, math, and social studies, including physics, calculus, and economics, and opportunity to enroll in

- a summer pre-calculus course through Northeastern University
- French and Spanish language instruction, and a Haitian bilingual program
- The Academy of Finance to enhance the college preparatory curriculum
- Boston's only high school with a banking and finance theme: Students can enroll in advanced courses in accounting, computer applications, marketing and entrepreneurship, economics, and taxes
- Technology labs, computers in each classroom, Internet access, remodeled library media center
- Partnership with Fleet Bank including summer internship employment program.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 49% / 57% Math 18% / 24%
- % passing Gr. 10 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 15% / 20% Math 6% / 4%

## Madison Park Technical Vocational High School

75 New Dudley Street/Malcolm X Blvd., Roxbury 02120

Charles McAfee, Headmaster

☎ 617-635-8970 Hours: 7:25-1:45

### Special features:

- Boston's only technical-vocational high school, providing students with the solid academic preparation required to succeed in one of 28 career programs
- **Requirements for enrollment:** Students interested in applying *must* participate in an orientation and assessment process to determine readiness for grade 9 and for enrollment in technical vocational courses. Some students may require more than four years to meet graduation requirements. Call the school for details.
- Dual-enrollment college program (UMass Boston and Roxbury Community College), Virtual High School distance learning, and vocational internships
- Student-run businesses, including a beauty salon, Café Cardinal, and The Hut restaurant
- Excellent athletic programs, an outstanding Marine JROTC unit, and an award-winning student newspaper.





- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 50% / 61% Math 15% / 32%
- % passing Gr. 10 MCAS in  
1999 & 2000:  
Reading 18% / 12% Math 2% / 2%

*Madison Park Academies:*

**Allied Health and Human Services Academy**

Ron Bayless, Dean  
☎ 635-8976

Baking, Biotechnology, Childcare, Cosmetology, Dental Assistant, Food Service, Hotel/Hospitality, Medical Assistant, Nursing Assistant

**High Tech Academy**

Pamela Fuller, Dean  
☎ 635-8962

Commercial Design, Financial Services & Entrepreneurship, Fundamentals of Networking, Information Processing, Legal Office, Medical Secretary, Microsoft User Specialist, Printing, TV Production, Web Design

**Construction, Design & Transportation Academy**

Agapito Feliciano, Dean  
☎ 635-8968

Automobile Technician, Autobody, Carpentry, Electricity, Electronics, Facilities Management, Heating-Ventilation-Air Conditioning, Small Marine Engine, Sheet Metal

**Pre-Academy Division**

Kenneth Nichols,  
Senior Program Director  
☎ 635-8964

The first year provides the solid academic preparation needed to succeed in one of the 28 career programs, and provides transition services for students performing below grade level. Students also explore the vocational and technical areas before choosing a career program.

**Roland Hayes Division of Music**

Greg Gazzola, Program Director  
☎ 635-8973

A comprehensive music program offering a variety of courses and ensembles from introductory to advanced level, plus daily academic instruction in the humanities, math and science. The program:

- does not require an audition
- has on-site facilities available for before and after school practice
- provides all instruments, equipment and materials free.

**Muriel Snowden International School**

150 Newbury Street,  
Copley Square 02116

Gloria J. Coulter, Headmaster

☎ 617-635-9989 Hours: 7:25-1:45

*Special features:*

- Schoolwide focus on World Languages and International Studies: **All students must complete four years of a world language (French, Japanese, Mandarin, Spanish) and assignment to the school will be made on the basis of language selected**
- Rigorous college preparatory program
- Campus high school housed in three buildings around Copley Square, and uses nearby community resources such as the Boston Public Library and YWCA gymnasium
- Strongly recommends that students and parents attend one of our orientation sessions to learn about Snowden's mission and program requirements: Call for details
- Courses in theater, art and documentary film
- Requires students to participate in cultural field trips and international events
- Opportunities for students to travel to other parts of the United States and to other countries
- Partnerships with Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Bentley College, Freedom House, Newbury Street League, and Suffolk University
- Internships in business, educational, cultural, and medical settings
- Opportunity for students to enroll in courses at local universities

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- Extracurricular activities such as athletics, student government, and Model United Nations.

➤ % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 66% / 73% Math 47% / 56%

➤ % passing Gr. 10 MCAS in  
1999 & 2000:

Reading 51% / 52% Math 10% / 26%

**South Boston High School**

95 G Street, South Boston 02127

Thomas Pilleri, Chief Administrative Officer

☎ 617-635-9857

Hours: 7:25-1:45

*Special features:*

- Fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools & Colleges
- Newly restructured into four Small Learning Communities, each with its own principal and teachers: 9<sup>th</sup> Grade & Transition Services, Science & Health, Business & Technology, and Law, Government & Public Service
- Strong academic programs: ProTech environmental and financial studies, school-to-career, tutoring, and Urban Scholars
- Admissions Guaranteed Program with UMass for qualified students
- Strong sports program for boys and girls
- Student award ceremonies, dance, and JROTC
- Active partnerships with Federal Reserve Bank, Gillette, UMass Boston, and the Private Industry Council
- Summer programs at Outward Bound and UMass; and an excellent summer jobs program
- New computers and Internet access in the library, and looks forward to opening a new library media center
- Calculus classes from UMass using interactive video.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 59% / 53% Math 25% / 26%
- % passing Gr. 10 MCAS in  
1999 & 2000:  
Reading 18% / 18% Math 6% / 21%



## West Roxbury High School

1205 VFW Parkway,  
West Roxbury 02132

Donald Pellegrini, Headmaster

☎ 617-635-8917

Hours: 7:20-1:40

### Special features:

- Comprehensive college preparatory program, including physics, trigonometry, calculus, chemistry, computer science, Spanish, Advanced Placement Spanish, French, and Greek
  - Three School-to-Career pathways: Agribusiness/Environmental Studies, Media and Communications Technology, and TeachBoston
  - Internet connections and advanced technology in all classrooms
  - Fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, who commended us for the dedication of our teachers and administrators to their students, and for the loyalty of the students to the school
  - Many clubs and activities: Navy JROTC, choir, chess, Reading Raiders, ethnic culture clubs, peer tutors, honors program, Math Club, and Future Educators of America
  - Career & College Resource Center that provides post-secondary opportunities for students; and offers the possibility of full college scholarships for qualified students through Boston College's College Bound program
  - Winning sports program, with football, basketball, soccer, tennis, swimming, track, golf, hockey, and more
  - Outstanding record of college admissions: Westie graduates have gone to Harvard, Wellesley, Dartmouth, MIT, Boston College, Brown, Bowdoin, Bates, Georgetown, and UPenn
  - Partnerships with Boston College, Mt. Ida College, Boston Gas, Fleet Bank, Camp Dresser & McKee, and WHDH-TV
  - Specialist from the Private Industry Council who helps place students in part-time, full-time, and summer jobs, community service, and school-to-career programs.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 52% / 62% Math 17% / 33%
- % passing Gr. 10 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 29% / 31% Math 7% / 19%

# High Schools with Special Admissions

*The following 11 high schools have special requirements for admission and are not listed on the High School Application Form. For example, the school might require an interview or presentation of a portfolio. The three exam schools admit students based on grade point average and scores on an entrance examination. Call any Parent Information Center or the schools for details.*

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**MCAS.** "% passing" means the percentage of students who scored at Level 2 (needs improvement), Level 3 (proficient), and Level 4 (advanced). The MCAS is given in grades 4, 8 and 10.

## Another Course to College

989 Commonwealth Ave., Boston 02215

Marilyn Corsini, Program Director

☎ 617-635-8865

Hours: 7:35-1:55

### Special features:

- **Special admission process:** Call the school or any Parent Information Center for details
- A 25-year history of academic excellence
- College preparatory program for grades 11 and 12

- College courses at UMass Boston and Harvard Extension Program
  - Excellent college admissions record: we are proud that 90% of our students enter the college of their choice.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 85% / 93% Math 33% / 58%
- MCAS: No grade 10

## Boston Adult Technical Academy

55 New Dudley St./Malcolm X Blvd.,  
Roxbury MA 02120

Lewis Gitelman, Program Director

☎ 617-635-1540

Hours: 2:30-8:30 PM

### Special features:

- An alternative program for older students, **ages 20-22:** Please contact the school for details about our **special admission process**
- Open in the afternoon and early evening
- Grants a Boston Public Schools diploma
- Full academic program in English language arts, math, science, and social studies
- Language services and English as a Second Language instruction for students whose first language is not English
- Career and counseling services
- Dual enrollment option in Community College, and an internship program for real-life, hands-on experience.

## Boston Arts Academy

174 Ipswich St., Boston 02215

Linda Nathan, Headmaster

☎ 617-635-6470

Hours: 8:15-3:55

### Special features:

- A collaborative project of the Boston Public Schools and the Professional Arts Consortium: Berklee College of Music, Boston Architectural Center, the Boston Conservatory, Emerson College, Mass. College of Art, and the School of the Museum of Fine Arts
- High-level training for students in the visual and performing arts in the context of a college preparatory education
- Opportunity to concentrate in dance, music, theater, or visual arts, as they study humanities, math, writing, science, and world languages
- Opportunities to study with working artists in many disciplines
- **Special application form and admission process,** including a written application and a performance or presentation component





- Application deadline for interested students now in grades 8 and 9 is *January 18*: Write or call the office listed above.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 75% / 71% Math 29% / 40%
- % passing Gr. 10 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 37% / 53% Math 17% / 22%

## Boston Evening Academy

989 Commonwealth Ave., Boston 02215  
**Ferdinand Fuentes, Executive Director**  
**Margaret Maccini, Associate Director**  
 ☎ 617-635-6789 or Hours: Mon.-Thurs.  
 923-2200 4:30-8:30 p.m.

### Special features:

- A Horace Mann Charter School, free of many BPS and teachers' union rules
- Alternative but rigorous high school curriculum in a college campus environment for students who, for a variety of reasons, have not experienced success in other schools
- Awards a high school diploma
- Competency-based and project-based learning emphasizing skill development
- Smaller student-teacher ratios, health care, and counseling
- School-to-work program
- Evening classes, Monday through Thursday, 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.; the school is open from 1-8:30 p.m., Mon.-Thurs. and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Fridays
- **Special admission process:** Call our recruitment office, 617-423-2200 x 314, or any Parent Information Center for details
- Support for strong home-school connections as the key to student success
- Emphasis on the student's personal responsibility to work hard.
- Stanford 9: Not given.
- % passing Gr. 10 MCAS in 1999:  
Reading 15% Math 7%
- No scores reported in 2000.

## Boston Latin Academy

205 Townsend St., Dorchester 02121  
**Maria Garcia-Aaronson, Headmaster**  
 ☎ 617-635-9957 Hours: 7:20-1:40

### Special features:

- **Examination school with a special admission process:** Students are admitted to grades 7 and 9 based on test scores and grade point average
- Classical liberal arts preparatory school
- High standards of academic excellence in a nurturing environment
- Outstanding record for college placement
- Dedicated faculty who challenge and encourage students
- Honors and Advanced Placement courses
- Wide range of extracurricular clubs and organizations
- Exemplary peer tutoring program
- Supportive and active parent council, an involved alumni association, and a Boston Latin Academy/Girls' Latin School Foundation
- Active participant in the state and national Junior Classical League (Latin language competition)
- Partnerships with Regis College and IBM/Lotus
- Many scholarship endowments.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 99% / 99% Math 92% / 93%
- % passing Gr. 8 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 99% / 100% Math 91% / 95%
- % passing Gr. 10 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 91% / 97% Math 79% / 96%

## Boston Latin School

78 Ave. Louis Pasteur, Boston 02115  
**Cornelia A. Kelley, Headmaster**  
 ☎ 617-635-8895 Hours: 7:45-2:15

### Special features:

- **An examination school with a special admission process:** Students are admitted to grades 7 and 9 based on test scores and grade point average
- The oldest public school in the US, founded in 1635
- College preparatory school which fosters the pursuit of excellence through a rigorous academic program in the classical tradition
- Interdisciplinary and thematic curriculum opportunities

- Honors and Advanced Placement courses in 17 different subjects
- Dedicated and committed faculty
- Linkages with the arts, science, medical, and business communities
- Outstanding record of college acceptances: 98%
- Extensive extracurricular and athletic opportunities for all students, and an extensive range of musical opportunities, both vocal and instrumental
- Very high level of parent commitment and involvement, and tremendously supportive alumni association
- Recognized at the national level as an outstanding school.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 100%/100% Math 97%/98%
- % passing Gr. 8 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 100% / 99% Math 100% / 98%
- % passing Gr. 10 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 99% / 99% Math 96% / 98%

## The Fenway High School

174 Ipswich St., Boston 02215  
**Larry Myatt, Director**  
 ☎ 617-635-9911 Hours: 8:45-3:30

### Special features:

- A BPS "pilot" school; one rigorous academic track for all students
- Member and exemplar school of the Coalition of Essential Schools and the Center for Collaborative Education—Metro Boston
- **Special admission process:** Call the school for details; begins with visits and open house in January
- Excellent college admissions results: 80-90% of graduates consistently go on to higher education
- Named a *New American High School* by the U. S. Dept. of Education
- Award-winning school-to-career program that collaborates with CVS Pharmacies, the Museum of Science, Dana Farber, and other institutions
- Teacher training site for Harvard and Tufts universities and Simmons College
- Use of portfolios, projects and exhibitions to assess students and to award diploma
- Strong advisory program for all students
- Learning Center during and after school to help all students excel.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 2000:  
Reading 81% Math 28%
- 1999 scores not available.



- % passing Gr. 10 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 43% / 39% Math 14% / 16%

## Greater Egleston Community High School

3134 Washington St.,  
Jamaica Plain 02130

Beatriz M. Zapater, Principal

☎ 617-635-6429 Hours: 9:00-3:15

### Special features:

- A pilot school for 16-21 year old students, created by the community, in the community, and for the community
- "Hands-on," project-based curriculum places according to skill level
- Students do internships, community action projects, and take college courses before graduation.
- Use of portfolio and exhibition to assesses and graduate students
- Sports and recreation in collaboration with Jamaica Plain Community Centers and the Egleston YMCA
- Support services for all students, through ESAC, Inc., Project Adventure, PIC, RoxComp, and Egleston Square Coalition; partnered with local colleges, training, and cultural institutions
- Facilities open until 9 p.m. offering GED classes, and computer/technology training for students' families
- Call the school for information about the admission process.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 50% / 64% Math 33% / 17%
- % passing Gr. 10 MCAS in 1999:  
Reading 7% / Math 0%  
Scores not reported for 2000.

## Health Careers Academy

### MAIN OFFICE:

360 Huntington Ave.,  
502A Hayden Hall, Boston 02115  
Peggy Pickering, Director  
☎ 617-373-8576

### CLASSROOMS:

Cahners Hall, 110 The Fenway  
Hours: 7:25-2:30

### Special features:

- Small high school serving students who are interested in exploring careers in health care
- Located on the campus of Northeastern University, with access to university resources for staff and students,

including state-of-the-art libraries, computers, science laboratories, art studios, and gymnasiums

- One of only two Horace Mann Charter Schools in Boston, selected by the Mass. Dept. of Education to test new approaches to education
- Rigorous academic curriculum to prepare all students for higher education
- Information about health and health careers integrated into academic classes
- Lots of individual guidance and support for students about academic, personal and social issues
- After-school internships to expose students to the real world of health care in hospitals, health centers, nursing homes and HMOs
- After-school student leadership activities, clubs, and cultural exploration
- Admission by lottery after student submits a complete written application with recommendations: call the school or any Parent Information Center for details
- Collaboration with the Center for Community Health Education, Research, and Service (CCHERS) at Northeastern University.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 77% / 71% Math 22% / 36%
- % passing Gr. 10 MCAS in 1999:  
Reading 61% Math 33%  
Scores not reported for 2000.

## New Mission High School

67 Alleghany Street, Roxbury 02120

David Perrigo, Program Director

☎ 617-635-6437 Hours: 7:55-2:50  
Wednesdays: 7:55-12:30

### Special features:

- Special admission process: Call the school or any Parent Information Center for details
- seeks to provide an intellectually rigorous education in a small, supportive, personalized learning environment
- College preparatory program in a non-traditional setting
- Project- and inquiry-based teaching: students learn the humanities, science, math, and the arts by investigating the world around them
- Organization in Advisory Learning Teams: Small groups of students meet

daily with an advisor over the course of several years

- Portfolios (collections of student work) used to evaluates student achievement
- Promotion based on ability: we do not adhere to a traditional grade 9-12 structure
- Community learning projects in the outside world
- Option for last-year students to take courses at Northeastern University and Roxbury Community College
- Demonstration of competency required for graduation.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 69% / 52% Math 16% / 16%
- % passing Gr. 10 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 31% / 21% Math 9% / 13%

## O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science

55 New Dudley Street/Malcolm X Blvd.,  
Roxbury 02120

Gustave Anglin, Headmaster

☎ 617-635-9932 Hours: 7:20-1:40

### Special features:

- An examination school: Students are admitted to grades 7, 9, and 10 based on test score and grade point average
- Preparation for college, advanced learning, and a highly skilled career for every student
- Challenging core curriculum, with emphasis on science and mathematics
- School-to-career program
- Small Learning Community in grade 9
- High acceptance rate to universities and colleges, and offers many scholarships
- On-site health clinic
- After school activities: sports, tutoring in all subjects, and a science and math program with Northeastern University
- Many clubs and activities, including a school newspaper and literary magazine, community service, mentoring and peer tutoring, Mass PEP pre-engineering program, National Honor Society, drama, cheerleaders, chorus, and more
- Partnerships with Boston Edison, NSTAR, the Kennedy Library, and many local colleges and universities
- Award-winning Navy JROTC unit.
- % passing Stanford 9 in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 92% / 94% Math 83% / 85%





- % passing Gr. 8 MCAS in 1999 & 2000:  
Reading 98% / 99% Math 83% / 79%
- % passing Gr. 10 MCAS in  
1999 & 2000:  
Reading 81% / 81% Math 65% / 75%

# Special Education Schools

*These schools cannot be chosen through the regular assignment process. Students must be referred through a Special Education Evaluation Team meeting.*

## William Carter School

396 Northampton Street, Boston 02118  
Roger Mazur, Program Director  
☎ 617-635-9832 Hours: 9:30-3:30

### *Special features:*

- Located behind Northeastern University at the Mass. Ave. Orange Line station
- Comprehensive educational program for about 20 students with severe and profound disabilities, with a ratio of one staff member for every two students
- Program for each student to meet all of his or her specific individual needs, determined at an annual IEP meeting
- Full-time nurse, and ongoing family support services coordinated by a bilingual social worker and teacher-home liaison
- Music therapy, physical therapy, behavioral programming, vision and mobility training, occupational therapy, and medical equipment supplies
- Swimming at Northeastern University, MBTA travel skills, and trips to the

Museum of Fine Arts, Symphony Hall, local regular education schools, and vocational work experience in the community.

## Horace Mann School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

40 Armington Street, Allston 02134  
Patrice DiNatale, Principal  
☎ 617-635-8534 (V, TTY)  
Hours: 7:20-1:40

### *Special features:*

- Serves 125 deaf and hard of hearing students in Early Childhood-grade 12
- Recognized by state, local, and private agencies for excellence in deaf education, from Early Childhood-grade 12
- Full evaluation and support services to students and families
- Very active partnerships with TERI and Spaulding, which provide advice, fundraising, computers, mentors, and job placement
- Partnerships with Boston University and Gallaudet University, which provide expertise in deaf education, student teachers, workshops, consultation, and research assistance
- State-of-the-art library/media center, "Quick Caption" multimedia center at the middle school level, a Literacy Lab at the elementary level, and a sophisticated math/science and technology program for all students
- After school tutoring for grades 6-12, a summer tutoring and job training program for grades 6-12, and a summer day camp program for Early Childhood-grade 5.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS

## McKinley Schools

Bonnie Miller,  
Senior Program Director  
☎ 617-635-9986

### McKinley Elementary

Christine Stella, Program Director  
☎ 617-635-9978 Hours: 9:25-3:25

### McKinley Middle

Joseph Brown, Program Director  
☎ 617-635-9853 Hours: 9:25-3:35

### McKinley Technical High

Christine Stella, Program Director  
☎ 617-635-9976 Hours: 7:20-1:40

### McKinley Vocational High

Joseph Brown, Program Director  
☎ 617-635-9907 Hours: 7:20-1:40

### *Special features:*

- Four schools in one—Elementary, Middle, Vocational High, and Technical High—plus three satellite programs
- Services for 450 students in Kindergarten-grade 12 with serious emotional, behavioral, and learning needs
- Therapeutic supports, including individual and group counseling, individual and family therapy, and psychiatric consultation
- Highly structured behavior management system
- Instrumental Enrichment, a program to improve students' cognitive functioning
- Variety of literacy programs, targeted at individual student needs
- Full range of academic programs, including college preparatory courses
- Vocational programs, including business, building trades, electronics/electricity, and food services
- Collaboration with Madison Park Technical Vocational High School for varsity team sports
- Unusual and creative programs, such as entrepreneurship, boat building, and soap box derby. ■



# 2001- 2002 School Hours

Hours listed here are subject to minor changes of 5-10 minutes.

★ Significant change in hours from 2000/01.

## HIGH SCHOOLS

ACC .....	7:35-1:55
Boston Adult	
Tech. Academy ..	2:30-8:30
Boston Arts	
Academy .....	8:15-3:55
Boston Evening	
Academy	
<i>Mon.-Thurs</i> .....	4:00-8:30
Boston High .....	7:25-1:45
Boston Latin	
Academy .....	7:20-1:40
Boston Latin	
School .....	7:45-2:15
Brighton .....	7:25-1:45
Burke HS .....	7:30-1:55
Charlestown .....	7:20-1:40
Dorchester .....	7:25-1:45
East Boston .....	7:20-1:40
English .....	7:25-1:45
Fenway .....	8:45-3:30
Greater Egleston	
Community .....	9:00-3:15
Health Careers	
Academy .....	7:25-2:30
Hyde Park .....	7:20-1:40
Madison Park	
Tech. Voc. ....	7:25-1:45
New Mission .....	7:55-2:50
O'Bryant .....	7:20-1:40
Snowden .....	7:25-1:45
South Boston ...	7:25-1:45
W. Roxbury .....	7:20-1:40

## EAST ZONE

### Elementary Schools

Channing ★ .....	8:30-2:30
Chittick ★ .....	8:30-2:30
Clap ★ .....	9:20-3:20
Condon ★ .....	8:30-2:30
Dever ★ .....	9:20-3:20
East Zone ELC ..	7:30-6:00
Endicott ★ .....	9:25-3:25
Everett ★ .....	9:20-3:20
Fifield ★ .....	9:25-3:25
E. Greenwood ★	9:20-3:20
S. Greenwood	
(K-8) .....	9:20-3:20
Grew .....	8:30-2:30
Holland .....	8:25-2:25
Holmes ★ .....	9:25-3:25
Kenny ★ .....	9:25-3:25
Lee .....	9:25-3:25
Marshall .....	9:20-3:20
Mather ★ .....	9:25-3:35
Mattahunt ★ .....	8:30-2:30
Mattapan EEC ..	7:30-5:00
Murphy ★ .....	8:30-2:30
O'Hearn .....	8:35-2:35
Perkins ★ .....	9:25-3:25
Perry ★ .....	9:20-3:20
Roosevelt ★ .....	8:30-2:30
Russell ★ .....	8:30-2:30
P. A. Shaw ★ .....	9:20-3:20
Stone ★ .....	9:25-3:25
Taylor .....	8:35-2:35
Tynan ★ .....	8:30-2:30

### Middle Schools

Cleveland .....	7:20-1:30
Gavin .....	7:20-1:30
Harbor .....	7:55-3:35
<i>Wed.</i> .....	7:55-12:30
Lewenberg .....	7:20-1:30
McCormack .....	7:20-1:30
Rogers .....	7:20-1:30
Thompson .....	7:20-1:30
Wilson .....	7:20-1:30

## NORTH ZONE

### Elementary Schools

Adams .....	9:15-3:15
Alighieri ★ .....	9:15-3:15
Baldwin ★ .....	9:15-3:15
Blackstone ★ ....	8:25-2:25
Bradley .....	9:20-3:20
East Boston	
EEC .....	7:30-6:00
Eliot ★ .....	9:25-3:25
Emerson .....	9:20-3:20
Farragut ★ .....	9:20-3:20
Gardner ★ .....	8:30-2:30
Garfield ★ .....	9:25-3:25
Guild .....	8:25-2:25
Hamilton ★ .....	8:30-2:30
Harvard/Kent ★ ..	9:25-3:25
Hurley ★ .....	8:30-2:30
Jackson/Mann ..	7:30-1:30
P. J. Kennedy ★ ..	9:20-3:20
Lyon (K-8) .....	9:20-3:20
<i>Surround Care</i> ..	7:15-5:00
Mason ★ .....	8:30-2:30
McKay (K-8) ★ ..	8:25-2:25
North Zone	
ELC .....	7:30-6:00
O'Donnell ★ .....	9:25-3:25
Otis ★ .....	8:30-2:30
Quincy ★ .....	9:25-3:25
Tobin (K-8) ★ ....	9:25-3:25
Warren/	
Prescott ★ .....	8:30-2:30
Winship ★ .....	9:20-3:20
Winthrop .....	9:25-3:25

### Middle Schools

Dearborn:	
<i>Mon.-Thurs.</i> ....	7:30-3:20
<i>Friday</i> .....	7:30-12:40
Edison .....	7:20-1:30
Edwards .....	7:20-1:30
Quincy Upper:	
<i>Mon.-Thurs.</i> ....	8:25-4:30
<i>Friday</i> .....	8:25-3:25
Taft .....	7:20-1:30
Umana/Barnes ..	7:20-1:30

## WEST ZONE

### Elementary Schools

Agassiz .....	9:20-3:20
Bates ★ .....	9:25-3:25
Beethoven .....	9:25-3:25
Blue Hill	
Avenue EEC ....	7:30-6:00
Conley ★ .....	8:30-2:30
J. Curley .....	8:35-2:35
Dickerman ★ .....	9:25-3:25
Ellis .....	9:20-3:20
Fuller ★ .....	9:15-3:15
Hale .....	8:30-2:30
Haley ★ .....	8:30-2:30
Hennigan ★ .....	8:30-2:30
Higginson ★ .....	9:25-3:25
J. F. Kennedy ★ ..	8:25-2:25
Kilmer ★ .....	9:15-3:15
Lyndon (K-3) ★ ..	9:25-3:25
<i>Annex (4-8) ★ ..</i>	9:15-3:15
Manning ★ .....	9:25-3:25
Mendell ★ .....	9:25-3:25
Mozart ★ .....	8:30-2:30
Ohrenberger ★ ..	8:30-2:30
Philbrick ★ .....	9:15-3:15
Sumner ★ .....	9:25-3:25
Trotter .....	8:30-2:30
West Zone	
ELC .....	7:30-6:00

### Middle Schools

M. Curley .....	7:25-1:35
Irving .....	7:20-1:30
Lewis .....	7:20-1:30
R. G. Shaw .....	7:20-1:30
Wheatley .....	7:20-1:30

## CITYWIDE SCHOOLS

Hernandez	
(K-8) ★ .....	8:30-2:30
King (6-8) .....	7:20-1:30
Mission Hill	
(K-8) .....	8:30-2:30
Timilty (6-8):	
<i>Mon.-Thurs.</i> ....	7:35-3:20
<i>Friday</i> .....	7:35-12:40
Young Achievers	
(K-8) .....	9:30-5:30



## How

If you are registering for the Boston Public Schools for the first time, you must go to a Parent Information Center. Please bring:

- ★ Two recent preprinted proofs of address: a driver's license, utility bills, Medicare or Medicaid card, Boston Housing Authority lease, etc.
- ★ Up-to-date immunization records.
- ★ Your child's original birth certificate or passport if you are registering for Kindergarten or Grade 1.

If your child already attends a Boston Public School, you will get an application from your child's school.



## When

### **KINDERGARTEN AND GRADES 1, 6 AND 9:**

First Application Period & Transfers:

**January 8-February 2, 2001**

Assignments issued: Week of March 5

Late Applications:

**February 5-March 9, 2001**

Assignments issued: Week of April 2

### **GRADES 2-5, 7-8, 10-12:**

New Registrations & Transfers:

**February 5-March 9, 2001**

Assignments issued: Week of April 2

### **APPLICATIONS**

**PROCESSED MONTHLY:**  
**March 12-June 30, 2001**

*Dates subject to minor changes. Call any Parent Information Center for current dates.*

## Where

### **Go to any Parent Information Center.**

Hours: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday during the school year; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. during school vacations (North Zone until 5 p.m.).

► **CALL 635-9660 TO ASK ABOUT SUMMER HOURS.**

#### **EAST ZONE PARENT CENTER**

☎ **635-8015**

at the Campbell Resource Center  
1216 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester  
(behind Burger King)

*Help in English, Spanish and Vietnamese*

#### **NORTH ZONE PARENT CENTER**

☎ **635-9010**

at the School Dept. Main Office  
26 Court Street, 4th floor, Boston  
(near State Street MBTA station)

*Help in English, Cantonese, Mandarin, Toishanese and Spanish*

#### **WEST ZONE PARENT CENTER**

☎ **635-8040**

at the Jennie Barron Building  
515 Hyde Park Avenue, Roslindale  
(near Cummins Highway)

*Help in English and Spanish*

#### **MULTILINGUAL COMMUNICATION & PLACEMENT CENTER**

☎ **635-6547**

at the Madison Park Complex  
55 New Dudley Street, Roxbury  
(near Roxbury Crossing MBTA station)

*Help in Chinese, French, Haitian creole, Cape Verdean creole, English, Greek, Portuguese, Somali, Spanish, Vietnamese*

*Visit our Citywide  
**Showcase of Schools**  
Wednesday, January 10, 2001  
Bayside Expo Center,  
Dorchester  
5:30 to 8:30 p.m.*

*To Register & Apply for School*